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"LOOKING BACKWARD" ON THE WORLD.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S EVENTS IN BRITAIN.

SLOW BUT DEFINITE PROGRESS TOWARDS BETTER TIMES.

[United Press Special.]

LONDON.—For the first time in history, Great Britain comes to the close of a year under a Labour Government. Since the Labourites took over the reins late in May, Britain has been increasingly active in foreign politics, and her leaders have confronted a schedule of unusually heavy and important domestic problems.

In the foreign field, Philip Snowden's victory at the Hague and the evacuation of the Rhineland were outstanding. Premier MacDonald's trip of several thousand miles to talk with President Hoover led to the Five-Power Naval Conference which will be held in January. The Labourites picked up the broken threads of relations with Russia, and named Sir Esmund Ovey as Ambassador to Moscow after the ambassadorial luggage had already been put aboard a ship bound for Rio de Janeiro. At Geneva, the Optional Clause was signed, accepting jurisdiction of the Hague Court in disputes, with the reservation excluding from the Court's compulsory jurisdiction any dispute between Britain and any overseas Dominion or between one Dominion and another. Mr. Henderson approved in principle the financing of victims of aggressive warfare, and thereby felt the first chill blast of official party disapproval. Dominion status for India was lengthily debated in the House of Commons, and at one time looked like developing into a Government crisis.

Unemployment.

The major domestic problems that Britain has shouldered since the World War are still unsolved at the end of another year. Not that efforts have been lacking, or that some progress has not been made, but who could expect to find work for more than 1,250,000 unemployed within one year? Unemployment is still a staggering load. The coal miners' and owners have not yet reached the agreement, long hoped for, which is expected to alleviate partly the distress in the mining areas. The most important development in the mining situation during the year was the collection of the Lord Mayor's fund for miners' relief, which the Government duplicated pound for pound, bringing the grand total to well over £2,000,000. The Prince of Wales broadcast an appeal for the fund, and made a personal tour of the stricken areas. England's great textile industry was paralyzed during the summer

by disagreements over hours and wages. Compared with the corresponding period in 1928, cotton goods exported in October declined by £2,97,000, woollens and worsteds fell by £137,000, silks by £13,000, and other textiles by £294,000. The industry, like many other parts of England's industrial house, is not yet in order.

The clouds surrounding the tiny bit of the earth's surface known as the British Isles are perhaps somewhat lighter, and definitely no blacker, than they were a year ago. In any event there is a silver lining that will remove much of the gloom that hung over the land, thicker than a London fog, last Christmas. The King is no longer lying between life and death; he has been greeted in London by thousands of devoted subjects; he looks happy and well.

When Ramsay MacDonald and his colleagues were returned to Parliamentary power they instilled new life into what was becoming more and more a literally Conservative Administration. The spirit of the change was practically typified by a prowling Press photographer as he quickly left No. 10, Downing Street, by the rear door. Labour rolled up its sleeves, if British politicians can be expected to unbind to this extent, and went to work. Britishers approved of the change, approved the appointment of a former policeman and an ex-taxi driver as officials of the Royal Household, and smiled at the sight of two of Labour's patriots, Jimmy Thomas and Ben Turner, beaming in top hats and frock coats.

This new Administration, under the leadership of the long-suffering and veteran MacDonald, was expected to do things. It began immediately. General Daves, the new United States Ambassador, hastened to Lissieux to confer with the Premier. Anglo-American relations were uppermost in MacDonald's mind. Ambassador and Premier conferred often. They talked of battleships and naval parity. Then MacDonald and daughter Isabel went to the United States to receive the greatest welcome that country has ever given a visiting British political leader.

Foreign Affairs.

While MacDonald was concentrating on the American angle, his colleagues were active on other foreign fronts. Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Snowden distinguished himself at the Hague reparations conference by demanding drastic increases in the annuities. Britain was asked to receive under the

Young Plan, for the final settlement of reparations. Snowden, adamant in the Yorkshire manner, gained some £2,400,000 after the conference had remained dangerously near the rocks for days. Some financial experts claimed that the "victory" was only technical. Briand, speaking in the French Chamber, referred to the settlement given Britain as a "sacrifice." There is no doubt as to how Snowden's stand was received at home: he was hailed as the Iron Chancellor; the wonder-politician of the age.

At the same conference, William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, concluded an agreement with Italy whereby the latter is to purchase 3,000,000 tons of British coal annually. Thus the new Government came home from the Hague with the Union Jack flying high and triumphantly from the political standard.

"Uncle Arthur," Henderson, Foreign Minister, soon demonstrated a willingness to associate with certain persons who had been ostracized by his Conservative predecessors. He began conversations with the Soviet Ambassador in Paris, Dvorkovskiy, who came to London to see him. Later the Foreign Office announced plans for the resumption of full diplomatic relations with Russia, including an exchange of Ambassadors. Special emphasis was placed on a mutual agreement to refrain from propaganda. The House of Commons approved the general resumption of relations although individual parts of the plan, such as a debt settlement, must have separate approval. Sir Esmund Ovey, who was generally believed to be on board a Blue Star liner en route to fill his country's chief diplomatic post in Rio de Janeiro, suddenly appeared as the new Ambassador to Moscow. Such is the life of a diplomat.

Egypt and India.

Britain's mandates attracted considerable attention during the year. Soon after the Government announced plans that would eventually mean virtual independence for Egypt, troops and battleships were rushed to Palestine to quell serious rioting there. Trouble at the Walling Wall, which may be expected annually, assumed new proportions. Royal Air Force bombers were in action against natives in various parts of the Near East. The League of Nations Mandates Commission approved Britain's mandate of Iraq, with the ultimate view of making the territory a member of the League.

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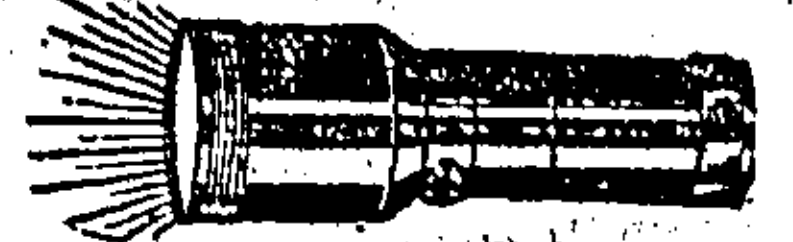
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| <p>To-day. (December 24.)</p> <p>Christmas Eve.</p> <p>Football: Junior Division: K.O.S.B. v. Royal Artillery. C. and P.O. Recreation Room, H.M. Dockyard, Dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Repulse Bay Hotel, Christmas Eve, Carnival Dance, 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>Queen's Theatre: "Broadway Melody."</p> <p>World Theatre: "Harold Lloyd Comedies."</p> <p>Star Theatre: "Spite Marriage."</p> <p>Tides:—High, 4.01 a.m. and 3.33 p.m.; Low, 10.34 a.m. and 11.21 p.m.</p> <p>European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Patroclus), 6 p.m.; Europe via Siberia (Seattle Maru), 10.30 a.m.</p> <p>Wednesday. (December 25.)</p> <p>Christmas Day.</p> <p>Accession of the Emperor of Japan 1928.</p> <p>Golf: Christmas Meeting.</p> <p>Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. Army, Club ground, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Queen's Theatre: "This is Heaven."</p> <p>World Theatre: "Nervous Wreck."</p> <p>Star Theatre: "Spite Marriage."</p> <p>Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.</p> | <p>Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel and Hong Kong Hotel, 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>Tides:—High, 5.22 a.m. and 6.09 p.m.; Low, 11.21 a.m.</p> <p>Thursday. (December 26.)</p> <p>Boxing Day.</p> <p>St. Stephen.</p> <p>Golf: Christmas Meeting.</p> <p>Hockey: Club v. Navy, U.S.R.C. ground, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. Army, Club ground, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Queen's Theatre: "This is Heaven."</p> <p>World Theatre: "Nervous Wreck."</p> <p>Star Theatre: "Desert Nights."</p> <p>Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Boxing Day Carnival, 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>Tides:—High, 6.34 a.m. and 6.41 p.m.; Low, 12.44 a.m. and 11.59 a.m.</p> <p>Friday. (December 27.)</p> <p>St. John.</p> <p>Euro-American Returned Students Union, annual general meeting and Dinner dance, H.K. Hotel roof garden.</p> <p>Queen's Theatre: "This is Heaven."</p> <p>World Theatre: "Tenderloin."</p> <p>Star Theatre: "Desert Nights."</p> <p>Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Patroclus Maru), 9.30 a.m. also via Marseilles (Khyber), 10.30 a.m.</p> | <p>Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam (Takada).</p> <p>Saturday. (December 28.)</p> <p>Cricket:—Division I: Craigengower v. H.K.C.C. (L). Division II: University v. R.A.O.C. (L). Indian R.C. v. R.E. and S. (L). C.S.C.C. v. Royal Artillery, H.K.C.C. v. Craigengower (F), Police v. Electric (F), Chinese R.C. v. Recreation (F).</p> <p>Football:—Senior Division: South China v. Navy, Recreation v. St. Joseph's, Kowloon v. Chinese, Police v. Club, Royal Artillery v. K.O.S.B. Junior Division: East-ern Ewo, Recreation v. South China "B" Club v. University, St. Joseph's v. Chinese "A", Royal Artillery v. South China "A" Kowloon v. K.O.S.B.</p> <p>Queen's Theatre: "This is Heaven."</p> <p>World Theatre: "Tenderloin."</p> <p>Star Theatre: "Desert Nights."</p> <p>Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.</p> |
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In India the great Gandhi and his followers solemnly lighted bonfires of British cloth, and preached the doctrine of boycott. The Great One was arrested for participating in a boycott bonfire. The Viceroy, Lord Irwin, came to London for conferences. Sir John Simon and his commission returned and were welcomed at Victoria station by a strong guard of policemen. The Viceroy issued a statement concerning "dominion status" for India, without the approval of the Simon Commission and before the commission made its report. This was one of the year's real political sensations.

There were cries of "Indian crisis" that began to look like a Government crisis. The chief fear was that, as the term "dominion status" was not clear even in Parliament, it could easily be misinterpreted in India. The term had never been used before. Stanley Baldwin, curiously enough, cleared the atmosphere and saved the situation for the Government. Baldwin had been dragged into the controversy by a London newspaper, and in answering the paper's charges in the House of Commons he denied the possibility of a crisis, and summed up the situation as:- "We have promised to give India a responsible Government. Do we mean to, or do we not? Whether he meant to or not, Baldwin brought the Indian 'crisis' back to earth.

Britain was closely concerned with developments in Afghanistan, so closely that the entire British mission in Kabul was evacuated by airplane. Two native caretakers at the mission headquarters were killed in subsequent fighting. There has been no greater contrast in recent years than that of King Amanullah riding in airplanes and submarines on his visit to England, and a few months later fleeing from his native land before a rebel water-carrier!

At home, Miss Margaret Bondfield, Minister of Labour and first woman Cabinet member, shared the brunt of criticism for Labour's unemployment policy with the colourful Jimmy Thomas, Lord Privy Seal and unofficial Minister for Unemployment. Unfortunately Miss Bondfield injured an ankle early in the autumn and was forced to retire from strenuous activity for some time. Jimmy Thomas, Canada to see what that Dominion could do in reducing unemployment in Britain. Meanwhile the unemployment figures increased, although Mr. Thomas declared that they were largely seasonal and were less than those of the corresponding period under the Conservative Government.

The Army of Workless.

The total number of unemployed for the week ending June 10, immediately after the Labour Government took office, was 1,112,600. On November 4 there were on the registers of Employment Exchanges in Great Britain 915,600 wholly unemployed, 262,400 temporarily out of work, and 74,000 normally in casual unemployment, making a total of 1,252,000. This was 17,612 more than the previous week, but 87,778 less than a year before. The total on November 4 comprised 1,068,000 men, 32,700 boys, 218,000 women, and 31,300 girls.

The Government proposes raising the school-leaving age from fourteen to fifteen, thus postponing the entry of thousands of boys and girls into industry for one year and requiring more teachers for the schools. Compulsory education in England ends at the age of fourteen under the present law, and only a small percentage of pupils leaving school continue their education. If there are no jobs for them, they go on the "dole," or receive unemployment benefit, to which all residents in England earning under £250 a year contribute. Unemployment benefit rates run from 7½ pence weekly paid by boys and their employers, to one shilling and three pence, paid by those over 21 and under 65. Compulsory health insurance is one shilling and sixpence weekly.

The Labour Government also extended pensions to half a million more widows and orphans, to become effective in January. It is estimated that the measure, known as the Widows' and Orphans Old Age Contributory Pensions Bill, will cost the State 81 million pounds sterling in course of the next sixteen years.

Relief Schemes.

The plans of Jimmy Thomas to reduce unemployment were none too favourably received. Jimmy maintained a fox-like silence when he returned from Canada, and speculation as to what he meant to do turned into criticism for doing nothing. Such criticism was undeserved, for Jimmy finally told Parliament that he aimed to spend £42,000,000 on roads, railways, and other public improvements. The Liberals accused Jimmy of stealing their plan, expounded by Lloyd George before the general election. Jimmy's supporters replied that it was news to them that the Liberals ever had a plan. It is generally admitted that such a programme would help relieve unemployment.

ment by giving work to thousands of men, but it would also be slow in becoming operative.

The Channel Tunnel scheme, which was regarded as a potential or perhaps mythical relief to the unemployed, made no progress during the year. If anything, it slipped a little for reliable reports stated that the committee of experts appointed to study the problem did not consider it economically feasible.

Women Voters.

The so-called "flapper vote" had its first trial at the general election. The result proved that even the smartest politicians know very little about women. Handsome and righteous members of Parliament found themselves looking for other means of livelihood, while some of the newly-elected members were as girl-shy as the proverbial backwoodsman. Labour's general election victory was repeated in the municipal contests, Labour nominees gaining many seats, but was not followed in the election of Mayors, where the party came third to the Conservatives and Liberals, though gaining many seats. Few politicians dared to mention the "flapper vote" after it was registered for the first time.

Some Trade Figures.

Results of derating and safeguarding instituted by the last Conservative Government, aimed to relieve taxation on some industries and to protect others, have so far been negligible. The schemes have not been in operation sufficiently long to be fairly judged. During the first ten months of the year coal exports increased by 8,245,000 tons, or a value of £7,468,000. Electrical goods showed a steady export increase. Machinery and iron and steel exports gained, the latter

despite the fact that the British steel trade persists in antiquated methods, and Germany is able to underbid the local manufacturers in their home market. Coal is still dumped on a barge and pulled along a canal by horses in some of northern English plants.

The Black Sphinx.

The life of the Labour Government may easily depend on developments in the coal mining situation. Labour went to the polls in the general election promising the miners, among other things, a 7½ hour working day. Since the election the Government has been attempting to bring the owners into line, but without any outward success. The owners flatly refused to sanction the new working day, and also balked at the proposed centralization of sales and distribution. Meanwhile another winter settled down on the miners and the empty shafts. In Yorkshire two important owners' associations broke away from the national organization and approved the Government's proposals.

Two remarkable changes took place among the leaders of the miners. A. J. ("Emperor") Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation and traditional fire-eater, lost some of the blazing oratory for which he became famous. Cook attended a banquet at which the Prince of Wales was the principal guest, and after a chat with the Prince told his miner colleagues that His Royal Highness was one of the finest men he had ever met. Cook went on to explain why he thought so. He was undoubtedly right, but praise for royalty from the avowed enemy of capitalism was not too well received in Cook's circles. The incident appeared to temper a tongue noted for its fire.

Herbert Smith, the miners' President, who always appears at conferences wearing a cloth cap, displayed a temper strange to the peaceful Smith and almost worthy of Cook. He walked out of a meeting of the Miners' Executive. He stormed and blew in a manner unprecedented for Herbert Smith.

But even a miners' president is liable to crack temporarily after weeks, months, and years of meeting representatives of the Government and the coal-owners.

Britain's Hardest Problem.

Coal and unemployment, inseparably locked together, still form Britain's hardest problem. Experts believe that there was some improvement in the coal areas during the year. The increased export figures would bear this out, but there are still black days ahead for the miners. The late Government's plans to transfer the unemployed miners to training centres and fit them for other employment continued. The relief fund helped the miners in their efforts to keep themselves and their families in food, shoes, and clothing. The Prince of Wales' visit to the distressed areas undoubtedly called attention to the miners' plight of many who formerly gave it little thought.

Financial Affairs.

The London Stock Exchange, flooded with small-priced shares that offered the shilling gamblers an opportunity to speculate, suffered a setback that taught the gamblers a lesson, and was followed by an official warning from Philip Snowden. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, discussing the creation of a committee to enquire into banking and finance, mentioned the "orgy of speculation" in the United States, and called attention to the prevalence of a similar trend at home. Although few small investors were involved in the crash of the Clarence Hatry companies, it served to curb the tendency spreading into thousands of English offices and homes to gamble a few shillings in the hope of making a few pounds.

Philip Snowden followed an unusual procedure in floating a 5 per cent. conversion loan of no specified limit, to which cash subscriptions were invited. Early estimates in the City of the amount required to satisfy both cash and conversion requirements ranged between £200,000,000 and £250,000,000.

Slow but Definite Progress.

Britain's efforts to increase her foreign trade and regain lost markets increased noticeably during 1929. On several occasions the Prince of Wales, recognized as Britain's greatest ambassador, told his fellow-countrymen that they must modernize their methods of sales and contacts if they expected to compete in present day markets. The D'Abernon Mission, appointed by the Baldwin Government, visited South America and concluded an agreement with Argentina for a mutual exchange of products. There were several definite indications that British exporters are becoming more willing to break away from tradition in the business world.

The first anniversary of the abandonment of the Stevenson plan for rubber restriction found the market still dull, but showing hopes of improvement. Dumping of Continental grain on the British markets proved more of a sore than an actual menace. On the whole, Britain made definite, although perhaps slow, progress in 1929 in the attempt to solve the problems that were part of her war heritage.



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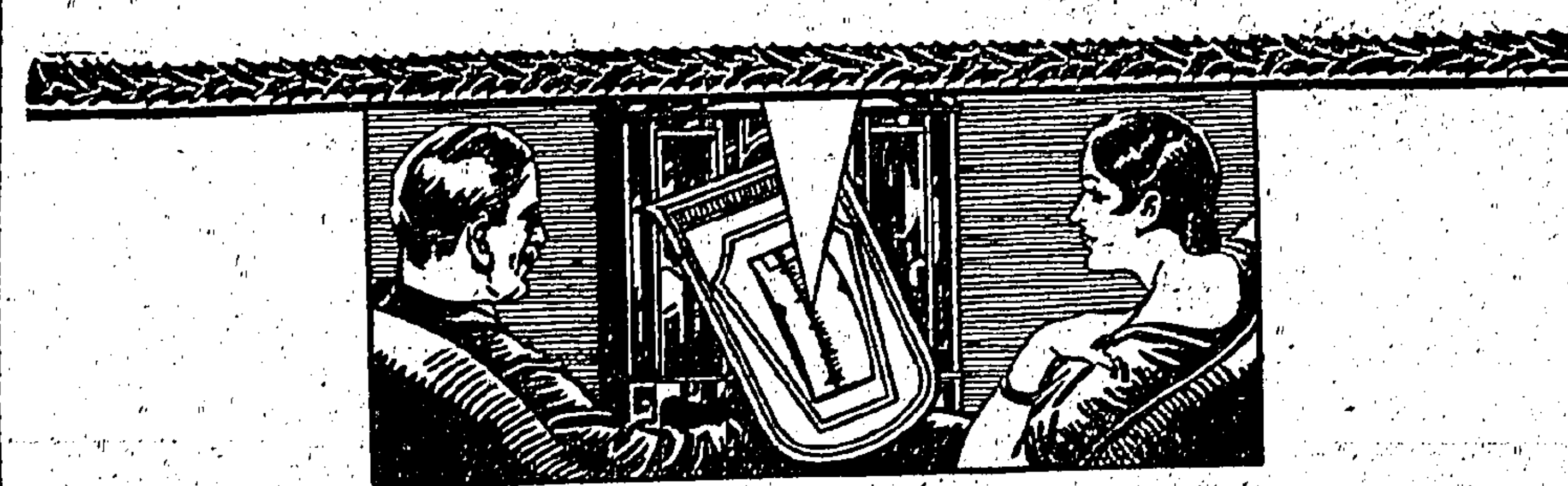
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Mother: "How far have you read in your new book?"
Teddy: "All but the clean pages!"

"Lend me £1, will you?"
"I've only 10s. 6d."
"Well, give me that, I'll trust you for the rest."

Mother: "I hope he isn't one of those bold young men!"
Daughter: "Bold! When I said, 'If you wait until Christmas, perhaps I'll let you kiss me under the mistletoe,' he said he would wait."

The owner of the new cinema had just signed a fire insurance policy.
"Supposing my theatre is burned down to-morrow, what would I get?" he asked.
"About two years," replied the agent.

"Am I the only—" "Don't," he murmured, "don't ask me if you're the only girl I ever loved. You know you are!"
"I was going to ask if I was the only girl who would have you," she said.

Dan: "Where are you off to, Ben?"
Ben: "I'm going to see the doctor. I don't like the look of my wife."

Dan: "I'll come with you—I don't like the look of mine either."

Mr. McTaggart, the oldest inhabitant, and a bit of a bore, went to call on the minister, who was a busy man. As he reached the manse gate he had a glimpse of the minister, withdrawing from the study window. He was therefore surprised when the maid informed him that the minister was not at home. But he quickly recovered.
"Awel," he said, "just tell the messenger when he comes here that I didna call."

Old Lady: "My poor man, I suppose you have had many trials in your life?"
Tramp: "Yes, ma'am, but only one conviction."

First Wedding Guest: "I understood that the groom has the reputation of being a very timid man—but he spoke up wonderfully well at the ceremony."
Friend of the Family: "Ah, but you see, his best man is Chinerny, the ventriloquist."

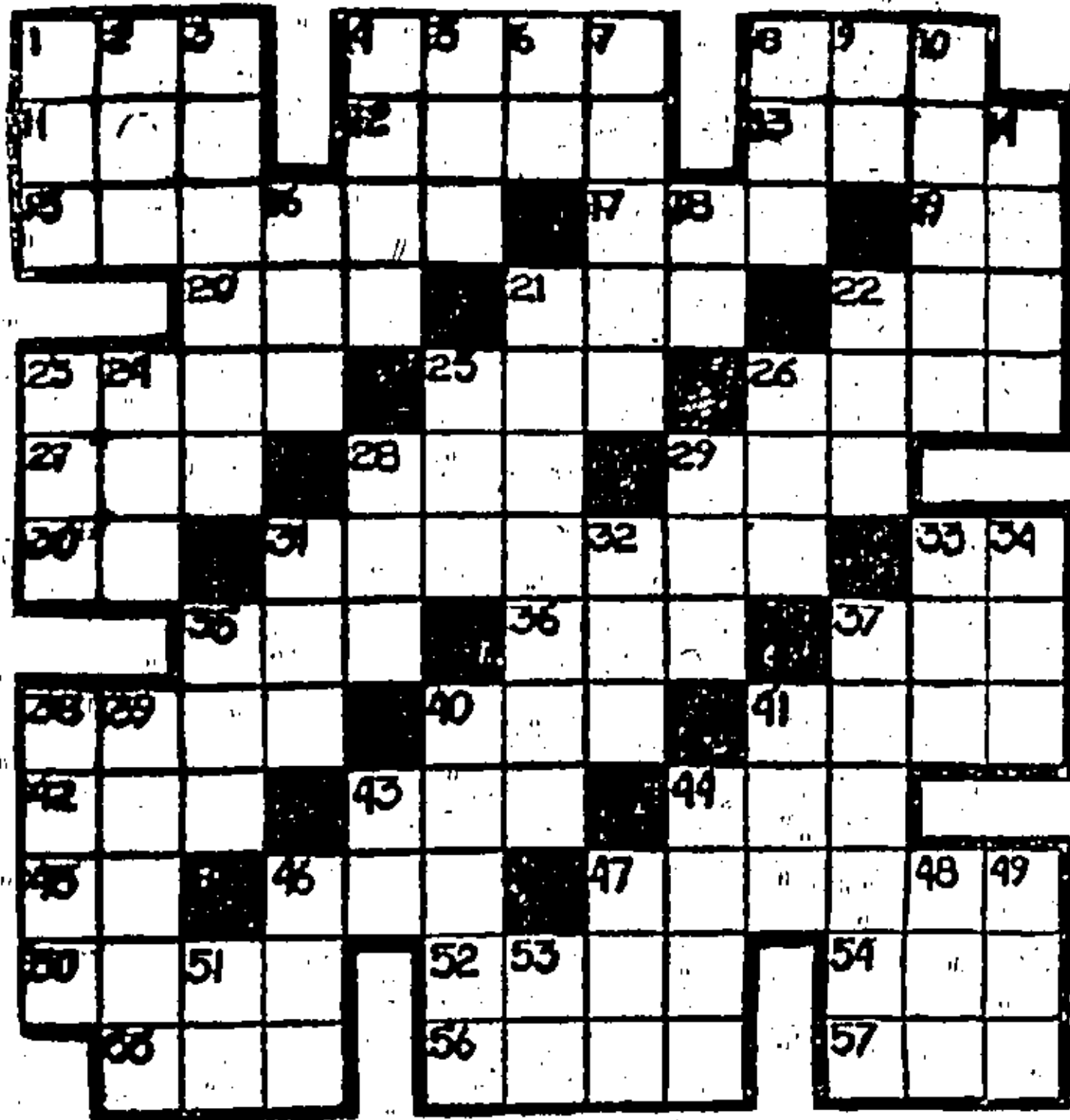
Judge O'Flaherty: "Haven't you been before me before?"
Prisoner: "No, Y'r Honor. O' niver saw but wan face that looked loike yours, an' that was a photograph of an Irish king."
Judge O'Flaherty: "Discharged! Call the next case."

"I'm sure tennis hasn't made the slightest difference to my looks," said she, in reference to the assertion of someone who had said the game ruined a girl's beauty.
He (knowing nothing about any such assertion): "Well, why not try some other game, dear?"

Tom, aged nine, who considers himself an "old boy," was overheard instructing Peter, who is to go to school shortly:—
"I can tell you one thing—you'll find school quite different from home. They won't call you Peter. They'll call you by your heathen name!"

The fussy old lady had been pestering a Zoo attendant for some time, getting him to tell her about all the various animals and their ways.
"And now," she continued, "there's still another animal I want to know about—but I forget what its name is—a very harmless sort of creature; its meat is used for food, but it has a strong, tough skin! Now what would that be?"
"You'll find one in the refreshment rooms," said the bored attendant. "It's probably a sausage you're thinking of!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

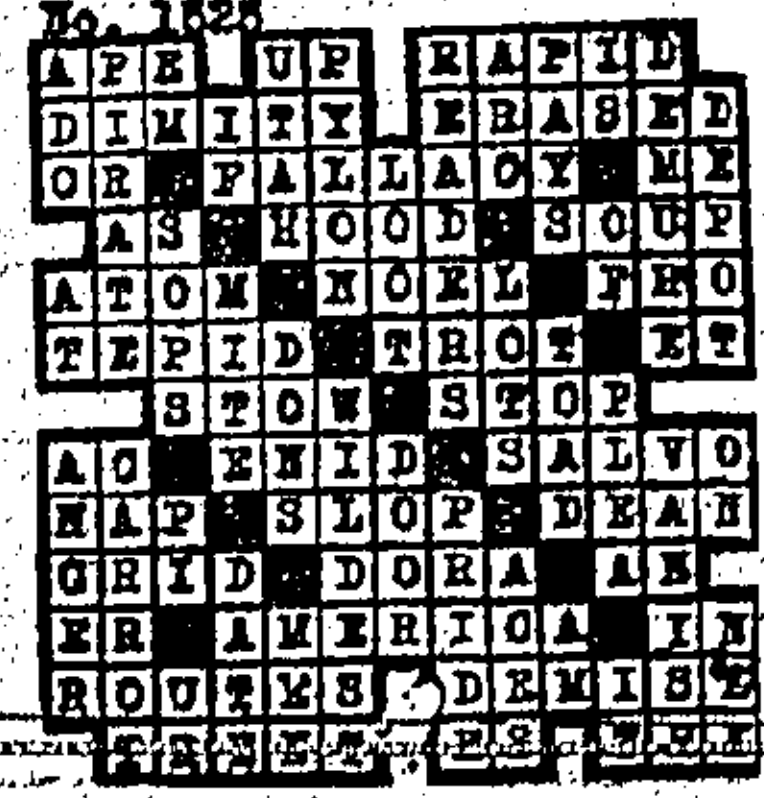
- 1.—Jewel.
- 4.—Large.
- 8.—A constellation.
- 11.—Mohammedan name.
- 12.—In a line.
- 13.—To praise.
- 15.—Pertaining to European race.
- 17.—To recede.
- 19.—To act.
- 20.—To do wrong.
- 21.—Algerian governor.
- 22.—To be ill.
- 23.—Egyptian singing girl.
- 25.—Shell that fails.
- 26.—Poker stake.
- 27.—Vegetable.
- 28.—Drunkard.
- 29.—Cunning.
- 30.—Part of infinitive.
- 31.—Calling forth compassion.
- 33.—Musical note.
- 35.—Paddle.
- 36.—Pelt.
- 37.—Distant.
- 38.—Hag.
- 40.—Dark brown.
- 41.—A colour.
- 42.—Devoured.
- 43.—Nothing.
- 44.—Unchivalrous person.
- 45.—Pronoun.
- 46.—Extinct New Zealand bird.
- 47.—Hearth guard.
- 50.—Girl's name.
- 52.—Reclined.
- 54.—Card game.
- 55.—Quarrel.
- 56.—Let it stand.
- 57.—Finish.

Vertical.

- 1.—Aeriform fluid.
- 2.—Old cloth measure.
- 3.—Malarial poison.
- 4.—Self-admiring.
- 5.—Part of circumference.
- 6.—Thus.
- 7.—Unfinished wool cloth.
- 8.—Vestment.
- 9.—Symbol for radium.
- 10.—A British Academy.
- 11.—To give sparingly.

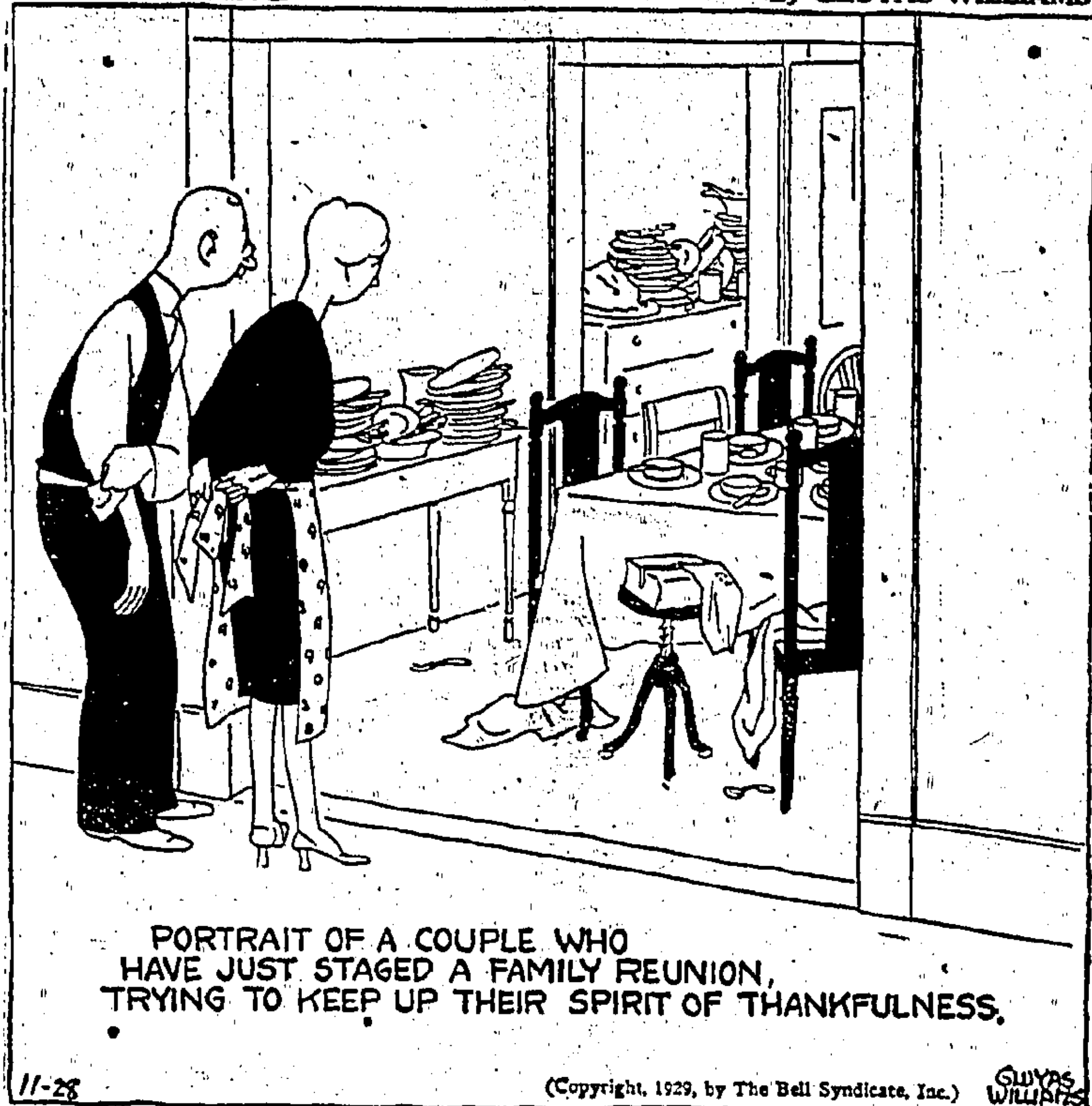
- 18.—By way of.
- 19.—Alongside.
- 21.—Obedient.
- 22.—One indefinitely.
- 23.—Likely.
- 24.—A constellation (the lion).
- 25.—Spot.
- 26.—Everyone.
- 28.—Title of respect.
- 29.—Prefix: above.
- 31.—Wages.
- 32.—Pleasure.
- 33.—Dreese making device.
- 34.—Chest.
- 35.—Mineral.
- 37.—Musical equipment.
- 38.—To prove inadequate.
- 39.—Complete.
- 40.—Clock faces.
- 41.—Shallow dish.
- 42.—Negative.
- 43.—A coin.
- 44.—Beast's stomach.
- 47.—For shame!
- 48.—Vast age.
- 49.—Measure of distance.
- 51.—Negative.
- 53.—By.

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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

THE RULES OF BILLIARDS.

The suggestions which have been made to the effect that further changes in the rules of billiards are in contemplation, are not based on fact. Since the red ball game was restricted and consecutive ball-to-ball cannons limited to 35, the game has been developed on much more all-round lines, both by professional and amateurs, than was the case before. The great scoring ability of the modern players has shown that whatever changes are made do not lessen the possibility of the big break. The chief endeavour of the authorities has been to make the game as versatile as they can and to retain all the beauty of stroke play. It is not considered advisable to restrict the hazard game more drastically than it is now, and, in any circumstances, it would be most untimely to make any alterations at this stage in view of the visit of two professional players from overseas. The losing hazard must remain the basis of the game, and to check this method of scoring any more might be detrimental to its interests.

WILL H. W. TAYLOR REMAIN IN ENGLAND?

The Johannesburg Star states that there is every prospect that H. W. Taylor, who captained the South African Test teams from 1913 to 1924 and who toured England under H. G. Deane's captaincy this summer, will permanently take up residence in England. Although nothing has been definitely settled, it is understood that Taylor may join a well-known sports outfitting firm.

L.T.A. INTIMATION.

The Council of the Lawn Tennis Association have issued the following statement:—"The attention of the Council having been drawn to a number of cases in which players have allowed letters signed by them, or their photographs, to be published in connection with trade advertisements, the Council wish it to be known that they strongly deprecate the practice of lawn tennis players giving testimonials to tradespeople, without at the same time forbidding publication of them, rightly or wrongly, are undoubtedly of the opinion that the players concerned received money or its equivalent in return for these testimonials. 'In the event of this intimation being disregarded the Council will take such steps as they may deem advisable to prevent the continuance of this practice.' This decision was taken at a council meeting in London, at which it was also agreed to invite the various County Associations to submit the names of their most promising young players with a view to arranging for them to be coached by Daniel Maskell, the professional lawn tennis champion, who is the professional at the All-England Club. Badges were awarded as follows:—L.T.A. Badges: G. P. Hughes, H. G. N. Lee, Miss E. L. Colyer; British Badge: Miss E. A. Goldsack.

EARL OF DROGHEDA'S TWO PRIZES.

Playing in the Addington club's autumn meeting the Earl of Drogheda secured two prizes, the Arthur Collis bowl and the second division handicap award. His score was 85-11-74. The scratch prize went to F. W. H. Wenver with 78, and the aggregate gold medal to the Hon. W. E. Brownlow with 160.

PROBLEM OF CONGESTION.

With golf claiming new victims each year, and the fields in the open events attracting unprecedented numbers, those controlling the game are finding it difficult to prevent congestion, even on our larger courses. The problem, is of course, doubly acute on the shorter courses, especially where clubs cannot boast more than nine holes. This trouble is not confined to New South Wales. The same state of affairs prevails in Victoria and other States. Recently in an endeavour to solve the problem, a Kingston Health official spent considerable time in seeking a remedy. Finally, after despatching tests, he found that the much despised three-ball game was the best way of avoiding congestion, and the quickest way of finishing a competition. During the course of his investigations, he found that much time was spent on the green when players were in fours. Any player that has followed a four-ball game, will certainly confirm this statement. Frequently, the balls have to be lifted and replaced, and much valuable time is wasted. Many local clubs, in order to avoid congestion, which with its attendant evils is the bugbear of all players, have a rule that at one-shot holes, those on the green should let the pair behind play their tee shots, before they themselves putt. This has been found beneficial and is worthy of a trial by all clubs. Another matter that is also worthy of consideration is the employment of fore caddies on the dangerous parts of the course. On certain courses there are places that claim many balls, and a reliable fore caddy would save both time and money.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

GROOM THE HANDS FOR BEAUTY.

Beautiful hands usually denote refinement and an artistic temperament, and for this reason they are likely to attract a large amount of admiration. But beautiful hands and neatly trimmed fingers do not mean the unnatural fashion which predominates in smart circles and which manifests itself in long claw-like nails with a deep red tint.

The almond-shaped nail is the one admired by most people, but for long, tapering fingers it will be found that the oval-shaped nail conforms well to this type. A square nail on a short, chubby finger should be shaped down as much as possible at the sides so as to make it appear longer and more slender. It will then be brought to a blunt point in the centre.

Always file from the sides or the corners to the centre of the nail, using first a long steel flexible file and then a fine emery board to remove the roughness left by the file on the underside of the nail.

While the shape of the nails is largely a matter of taste, it will always look better and more natural where the shaping follows the curve of the finger.

An orange-wood stick with a piece of cotton wool wrapped round the end is the most suitable instrument for dealing with the cuticles; it should be dipped in cuticle oil, and used gently to push back the cuti-

cle, working round the nail base and the sides; then carry it under the sides; then carry it under the nail tips to clean them. Now rub some cold cream or vaseline into the cuticle to soothe away any irritation that may have been caused in trimming and controlling the growth of the cuticle.

Opinion is divided as to which is the better method of giving the nails a brilliant finish—enamelling or polishing. Because of the ease with which a brilliant polish can be given to the nails, enamelling has become popular, even though the polish only lasts a few days, for it can easily be cleaned off with acetone and a new coat of enamel applied. Very pale rose-coloured enamel should be chosen. If possible, to be used, they will be found on the market in the form of paste, powder, or stone. In each case the nail will need to be buffed by the use of a buffer.

It will often be found that if the buffer is used in a cross-wise motion, the nail becomes uncomfortably hot. To avoid this, use the buffer in one direction only—from left to right—and in long sweeps; this will be found to give a higher lustre in a shorter time, as it polishes only that part which is required. Pressure is never necessary in order to get the right finish.

SEAWEED—THE NEW GREEN FOR FROCKS AND JEWELS.

Green is to be a fashionable colour this winter. Not the apple varieties so suited to the fair-haired debutante, nor yet the chartreuse shade which was favoured last year by her elder sister, but bottle green and the shades that range round it. The newest and most beautiful of these is called algae, and, as its name suggests, is the colour of fresh seaweed.

There are long necklaces of sea-green Chinese jade, with earrings and bracelets to match, and the most fascinating charms—lucky elephants, monkeys, and fish—to be worn on a platinum chain, or dangling from the clasp of a bracelet.

The craze for green does not mean that diamonds and pearls are being worn less than formerly. Dark green evening frocks are inclined to look dull unless worn in conjunction with brilliant gems.

quid should be applied to them—just before the soothing cream is used on the cuticle.

An excellent bleaching solution can be made up by mixing together one part of liquid ammonia, one part of lemon juice, and five parts of hydrogen peroxide.

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ROUND THE COURTS.

IXORA CHINENSIS!

Two Chinese were before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate yesterday for being in possession of 42 cuttings of *Ixora Chinensis* cut from the Government Plantation. The defendants said that they bought the branches in Taiipo.

Inspector Phillips told the Magistrate that these trees were specially protected by law. The Magistrate after seeing the branches exclaimed "Oh, its holly."

Mr. J. J. Hirst of the Forestry Department told the Magistrate that unless the holly was obtained from Chinese territory or from private gardens it was an offence under the Ordinance as it was

specially protected. The Magistrate asked if it was rare, and was told in reply that the Department wished to preserve it.

Magistrate: "I suppose there will be a lot of it stolen now for Christmas!"—Yes.

The defendants were fined \$10 or fourteen days' hard labour.

NEW USE FOR "PLUS FOURS."

A kitchen coolie of the Peninsula Hotel was charged with stealing 98 pounds of sugar. It was stated that the defendant was seen leaving the premises by a watchman who searched him and found the sugar secured round his waist and in the legs of his trousers which were converted into "plus fours" for the purpose.

The defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

THEFT FROM A POLICE OFFICER.

Describing it as a tactical error, Mr. E. W. Hamilton sentenced a Chinese to nine months' hard labour for stealing a tyre from Chief Det. Insp. Reynold's motor-car, and with possession of unlawful implements. It was stated that the tyre was stolen from the car outside the Police Club.

JAPANESE STEAMER ATTACKED.

WHILE AGROUND OFF WHAMPOA.

News was received in the Colony yesterday that the Japanese steamer Ryujin Maru owned by the Matsuo Kaisha had gone aground at 10 p.m. on Sunday night at the mouth of the Whampoa River, and had been attacked by pirates.

The Japanese Consul informed our representative that there had been no casualties, nor had the cargo been touched. The crew—understood both officers and men—had their personal effects rifled and several fittings had been stolen. The pirates who boarded the ship from sampans evidently left after a brief visit, for when the Japanese gunboat Uji arrived from Canton she found that four Chinese policemen had already taken charge of the stranded vessel.

The cargo, of some 600 tons of coal, was discharged and the vessel refloated and proceeded up to Canton.

The s.s. Ryujin Maru.

The s.s. Ryujin Maru is a tramp steamer of 1,500 tons gross and was built in 1906 as the s.s. Kaitsu Maru. The owners are the Matsuo Kaisha and the local agents are Messrs. Hidaka & Co. of Alexander Buildings. Captain Yamazaki is in command with Mr. Saka as Chief Officer.

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| HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE. | | | | SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION. | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|----------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Buyers | Sellers | Sales | Nominal | Buyers | Sellers | Sales | Nominal |
| MONDAY, DEC. 23. | | | | | | | |
| Banks | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | \$1,320 | H.K. Banks | ... | ... | 1,315/20 |
| ... | ... | ... | 212 | Do. (London) | ... | ... | 219 |
| ... | ... | ... | 216 | Chartered Banks | ... | ... | 234 |
| ... | ... | ... | 230 | Mercantile Bks. "A" | ... | ... | 216 |
| ... | ... | ... | 215 | Do. "C" | ... | ... | 285 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Bank of East Asia | ... | ... | ... |
| Insurances | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | \$685 | Canton Ins. | \$680 | ... | \$208 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Underwriters | ... | ... | T160 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | North China | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Union Ins. | \$361 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | M.850 | Yangtze Ins. | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | China Fire | \$810 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | H.K. Fire | \$810 | ... | ... |
| Shipping | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | \$251 | Douglases | \$24 | ... | \$271 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Steamboats | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Indos. (pref.) | ... | ... | ... |
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| ... | ... | ... | ... | Shell Transports | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Water-boats | ... | ... | ... |
| Mining | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | \$4.70 | Benquets | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ex div. \$4.72 | Nailans | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Lanlans (comb.) | ... | ... | ... |
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| ... | ... | ... | ... | Explorations | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Shanghai Loans | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Raubas | \$10 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Tronoh Mines | ... | ... | ... |
| Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc. | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | \$140 | H.K. & K. Wharfs | \$141 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | \$440 | Providents | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | H.K. Docks | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Shanghai Docks | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | New Engineerings | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Hongkews | ... | ... | ... |
| Cotton Mills | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | T.142 | Ewos | T.142 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | T.74 | Shai Ctons (old) | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Do. (new) | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Zoong Sings | ... | ... | ... |
| Lands, Hotels and Buildings | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | \$114 | H.K. & S. Hotels | \$114 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | \$62 | H.K. Lands | \$62 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Shanghai Lands | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | H.K. Realty | \$7.75 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Humphreys | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Chinese Estates | ... | ... | ... |
| Public Utilities | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | \$18.35 | Tramways | \$184 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Peak Trams (old) | \$11 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Do. (new) | \$2 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Star Ferries | \$60 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | C. Lights (old) | \$17.40 | ex div. | 17.60/18 |
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| ... | ... | ... | ... | H.K. Electrics | \$64 | ... | ... |
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| ... | ... | ... | ... | Do. (pref.) | ... | ... | ... |
| Industrials | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Caldbeck, (ord.) | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Macgregor (pref.) | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Canton Ice | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Cements (comb.) | \$13.80 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Do. (old) | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Do. (new) | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Ropes | \$7.10 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | China Sugars | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Malabon Sugars | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | United Asbestos | ... | ... | ... |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Dairy Farms | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Der A. Wings | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Amusements | \$27 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Constructions | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Lane Crawford | \$21 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Mackintosh | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Nanyang Tobacco | 84 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Sinceres (old) | \$101 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Do. (new) | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Watsons | \$114 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | Wm. Powells | ... | ... | ... |
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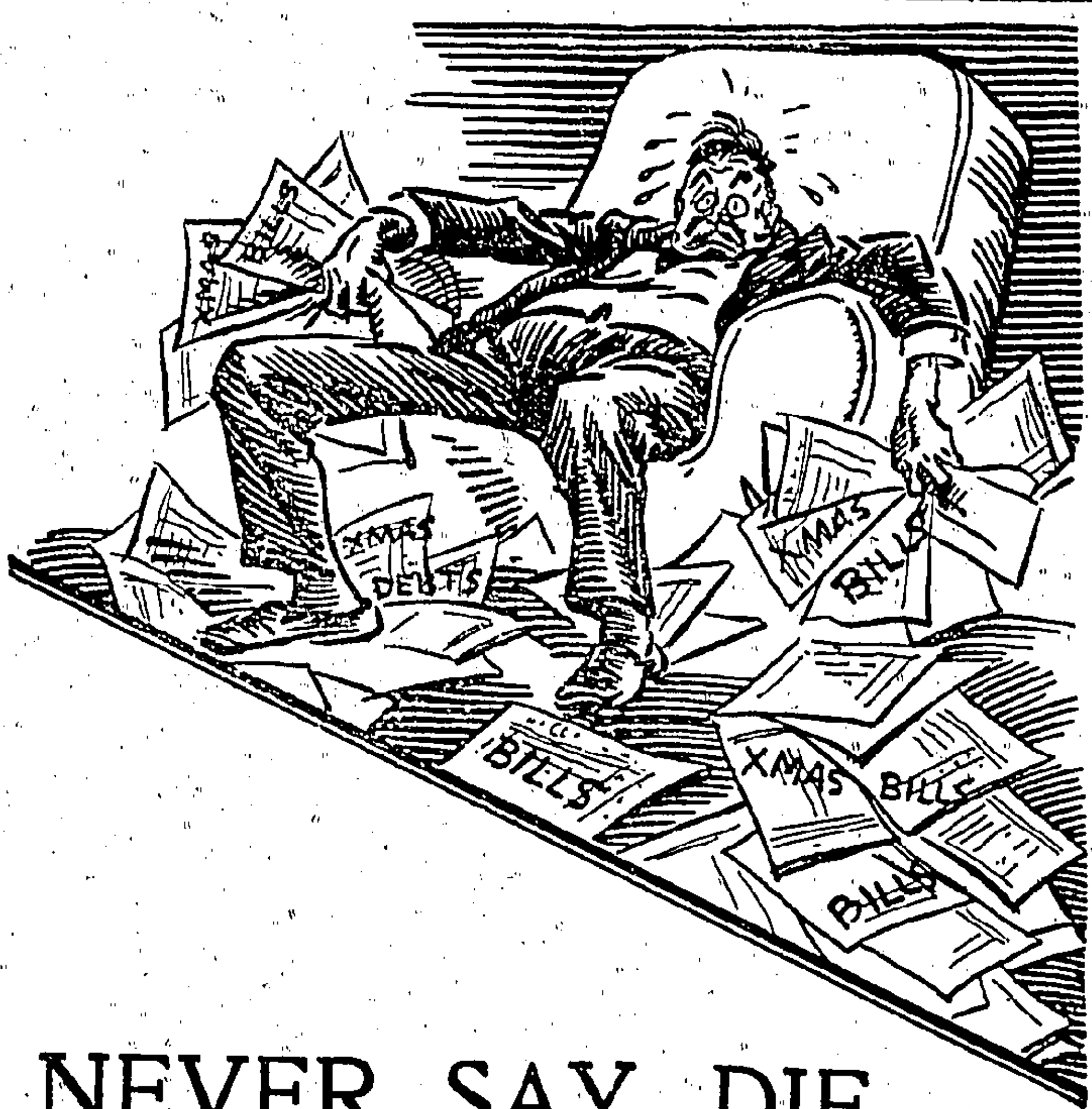
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UNION CHURCH.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Union Church, Kowloon, two resolutions were adopted by the congregation. The Rev. J. H. Johnston in his address expressed his pleasure at seeing the establishment of a living church in Kowloon.

The following resolutions were passed:-

(1) That the system of contributions to the Church Funds by Envelopes be re-established, but Annual or Semi-Annual subscriptions of any amounts be accepted from those who prefer thus to support the Church;

(2) That the Membership of Union Church, Kowloon, consists of those who as at the November 30, 1929, were Annual Subscribers while continuing in active connection with the Church and those who have signed a Church Roll containing the confession of Faith. Future applicants for Membership will be required to sign a Church Roll.

Atmosphere of Hong Kong Fatal to Spiritual Life.

The Rev. J. H. Johnston said that he found himself in a singularly happy position for he felt that he was now enjoying the fruit of his labours. It had been his great ambition to see established in Kowloon a living Church. It was an inestimable privilege to help even in a small degree to bring into being a living Christian Church. It might be that they did not all realize what a genuine marvel had been accomplished.

In Hong Kong where the whole atmosphere was so fatal to spiritual life, a strong and enthusiastic Church had been formed on the purest principles of Christian discipleship so entirely free from any denominational colour that no one worthy of the name of Christian need hesitate to become enrolled, and they already had in their ranks members of every Protestant denomination. Thus while so many were talking of union and striving after union, they had quietly achieved union so complete that the wide diversity of denominational upbringing among their members, so far from causing any difficulty, served only to stimulate and enrich their common life. But the chief reason for the peculiar gratification which the speaker felt lay in the fact that the healthy young Church was already strong enough to organise its own congregational life and development.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:-

Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. Gow; Hon. Treasurer, Rev. Frank Short; Envelope Secretary, Mr. J. Revie; Envelope Stewards, Messrs. J. O. Provan and T. Ingram; General Committee, Messdames Harvey, Lang, Nelson, Forsyth, Craig and Scott, and Messrs. E. C. Treghill, A. H. Gardner, A. W. Ingram, T. F. Bradford, D. McKenzie, Othen, J. Revie and Read.

The Annual Report.

The annual report presented by the committee was read by Mr. Gow, it gives details of the results of the Envelope System and states: The supporters of the system had commenced to contribute at various dates and it was obvious that in computing the total amount, promised for comparison with the total amount actually received, due allowance must be made for the weeks which had elapsed before each particular subscriber commenced and also for the weeks which had elapsed since certain members had ceased to be considered as subscribers. It was found that the anticipated or "possible" income was \$1,284.90 for the period under review. The amount actually received was \$1,254.50.

Mr. Warren who submitted a comparison of the relative financial positions in 1928 and 1929 emphasised that the \$367.50 received from the supporters of the old system must not be placed to the credit of the envelope system, and eight should not be lost of the fact that in 1928 \$3,167 had been contributed by one hundred subscribers, while in 1929 \$3,120.77 had been contributed by less than 60 members. In short, the Church had lost some forty members. After discussion it was felt that, in view of the fact that the whole question of finance would probably be raised, and the current system whatever it was, changed, when the new church was built and its constitution drawn up, it would be advisable to continue with the Envelope System as at present.

New Church and Manse.

An event of great interest and importance in the history of the Church was the resolution passed at a special meeting of the congregation held in the Church, on June 12 last, to build a new Church and Manse. A sum of \$2,741 was then guaranteed towards a building and finishing fund. Since then this amount had been considerably added to The Women's Guild had undertaken to do their best to raise \$2,000. The Young People's Society, Choir and Sunday School also promised their help.

The total at date subscribed towards the building and furnishing fund is approximately \$4,500 of which \$2,063.59 has been collected. We have therefore almost reached the halfway mark of \$10,000 under-

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T.P.A. PROPOSAL TO MALAYA.

REDUCTION OF OUTPUT CONFIRMED.

Singapore, December 18.-An official cable from the Tin Producers' Association to Messrs. Presgrave and Matthews, Penang, confirms the forecast of the Association's recommendations which was published on Saturday.

The message reads as follows:-

"At a meeting of the Tin Producers' Association held in London on Tuesday, the 11th instant, the Council unanimously resolved to recommend that all members of the Association should retard production by the complete cessation of production from ten o'clock on Saturday evening until six o'clock on Monday morning each week, commencing with the first Saturday in January, 1930, and throughout the year; also for a whole week of seven days, during January, 1930, and a whole week of seven days during February, 1930, and if it is found to be necessary to restore the balance between supply and demand the Council may require a similar cessation for a whole week of seven days during March, 1930."

"The Council also advise that satisfactory negotiations with Bolivia are proceeding and they are confident of success with all of the producing countries, provided they receive the full and definite support of all members."

Only for the East.

The Association states that the recommendations are specifically applicable only to the East (adds a Reuter message), but a similar ratio of curtailment is recommended to the Nigeria and other tin-producing companies on a basis more exactly suited to local conditions.

The Association is convinced that prudent and conservative regulation of the industry is necessary. While retarding production not at present required to meet the world's consumptive needs, however, the Association feels that it is also necessary to prevent any excessive rise in price which would be directly inimical to the interests of all concerned.

Local Representation.

The Malay Mail is authorised to state that Mr. A. M. Sellar, a member of the Tin Producers' Association who is now visiting Malaya, attended the informal meeting of local representatives of the tin mining industry held in Kuala Lumpur on Friday evening.

As a result the names of two prominent representatives of the industry have been cabled to London with the recommendation that they be elected as local representatives on the T.P.A. Council, for the purpose of obtaining local opinion and generally advising the Council in London regarding proposals for the safeguarding and promotion of the tin mining industry in Malaya.

taken to be raised in two years. The plans are completed, estimate accepted, and instructions given to the contractors to begin work immediately. A contract has been entered into with Mr. Blackett to build and install a two manual organ at a cost of \$5,000.

Obituary.

Your Committee deeply regret having to record the death of Mr. David Harvey, and Mr. Albert Lloyd Kay, also Mrs. Groves, sister of Mrs. Spittles.

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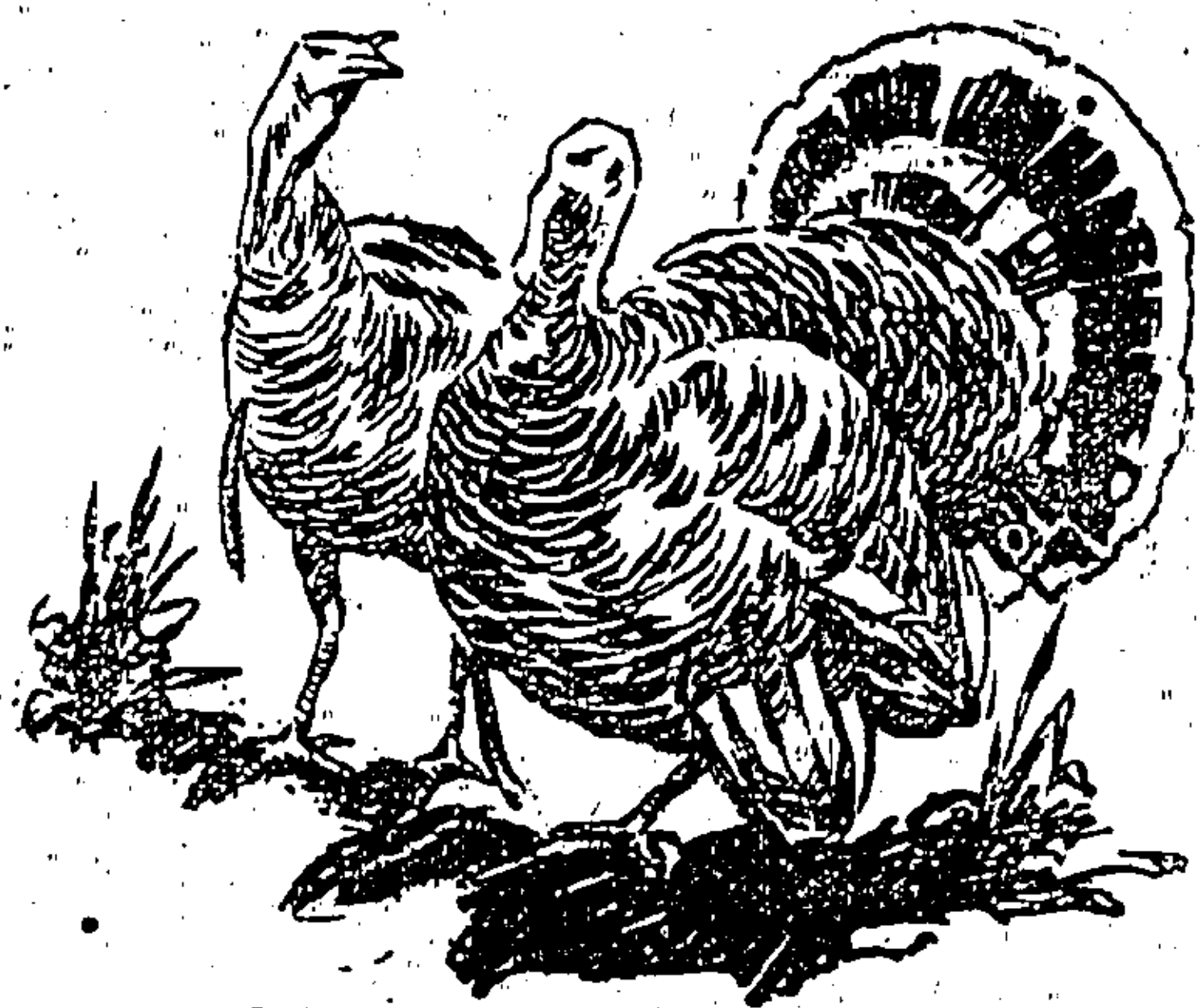
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CASE AGAINST MR. BREWER.

THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S INVESTIGATION OF BOOKS.

SEVERE CRITICISM OF THE BALANCE-SHEET.

The Official Receiver (Mr. E. L. Agassiz) was one of the witnesses called by the prosecution at the resuming hearing of the case against Mr. Noel Instone Brewer, who is charged with alleged offences under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances in the proceedings before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantland at Central Magistracy.

Bank Secretary's Evidence.
Mr. P. L. Leo, former secretary of the Instone Banking Corporation, stated in evidence that he was present at the meeting of shareholders, on July 21, 1928, and subsequently signed the minutes of the meeting.

Refuted by Mr. Fitzroy to the rules in the Articles of Association, witness agreed that the printed balance sheet should be circulated not later than seven days before the general meeting, and he added that he sent the copies immediately after they were received from the printer.

The typewritten balance sheet was laid on the table at the meeting of shareholders and the Chairman (Mr. Brewer) informed them of the alterations which had been made in the document and asked them not to entertain too high hopes. The report and accounts were then passed.

Mr. Fitzroy then read the minutes which in part were to the effect that the Chairman counselled the shareholders against undue optimism. A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared.

Proceeding to refer to the directors' meeting held on August 22 of the same year, the minutes of which were signed by Mr. Brewer, it was shown that a resolution was passed under which a further call of \$5 per share was made payable on September 10.

Second Mortgage on Building.

Witness (Mr. Leo) said that he was present at a directors' meeting held on September 25 at which it was proposed that it had been proved to the satisfaction of the meeting that the business of the Company was in a sound financial condition, and that any embarrassment that was felt at the time was not the fault of the management, but due to unforeseen circumstances.

A second mortgage on the building in Des Vaux Road was then referred to by witness. The amount borrowed was \$20,000 at the rate of two per cent. per month.

Cross-examined by Mr. E. Davidson, for the defence, witness said that at one time the Instone Banking Corporation had branches both in Canton and Shekhi, but these subsequently had to close down, because registration of the branches was not in order, on the orders of the Canton Government. The Canton branch closed down before the one at Shekhi, all this taking place after the balance sheet was presented to the shareholders meeting on July 21, 1928.

Mr. Davidson: Was there not, therefore, a totally different situation in August than on the date of the balance sheet?—Yes.

Alterations in Balance Sheet.
In giving a reason for the alterations to the original typewritten balance sheet, witness said that Mr. Li Tung had told him that it would make the balance sheet look better. This took place in the absence of Mr. Brewer.

Did Mr. Brewer appear to be surprised when he saw these alterations?—Yes, and he seemed displeased with them.

Answering further questions, witness said that he was secretary of the bank from the beginning, and could recall that besides the shares which were actually registered, there were applications for about \$1,130,000 worth of other shares. They were genuine applications and were accepted by the Company.

With regard to the applications for loans which were granted in respect of calls in advance, he knew the people concerned were prepared to pay their calls in cash. The idea of the loans was that, when money was needed, the money would be collected easily. At the time, it was intended that there should be a trained manager for the Bank and the idea was that, pending his appointment, the money could remain at call.

Mr. Davidson: So far as you know at the date these loans were made, were these shareholders in a financial position to pay?

Witness: Of course.

Re-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said he could not say how much was lost by the branches at Canton and Shekhi. The closing of the branches damaged the reputation of the Bank.

Leo Kong Shan, first clerk at the Land Office, produced extracts of two documents. The first, dated April 12, 1928, was a mortgage of the Instone Banking Corporation building for \$150,000, and the other was a second mortgage dated October 1, 1928, for \$20,000 at two per cent. per month.

Mr. Labrum, of the Ye Old Printer, who had given evidence before, was recalled and stated that he wished to correct the date of the letter written by him to the Instone Banking Corporation about the printing of the balance sheets.

He had stated the date to be June 10, but according to the letter book sequence a mistake was shown in typing "June" instead of "July."

Queries About Printing.
Mr. Fitzroy: Who gave you the order?—The original order was brought to us by Mrs. Brewer. Are you sure there is no mistake?—I remember Mrs. Brewer bringing it in.

Evidence has been given earlier in the day that it was June 11 or 12 when you sent the proof of the balance sheet to the Instone Banking Corporation; is it possible?—If we received the order on June 21 we could not have sent the copy on June 11.

Did you deliver 20 copies of the balance sheet?—I cannot remember, but we may have sent that number without covers. The completed work was sent on July 13.

Cross-examined, witness that he entirely relied on the day book for the date on which the order was received. It was entered as June 21. The day book was written by whoever received the order. Witness received this particular order and he entered it in the book. As a rule an order is entered in the book as soon as it is received.

Questioned further witness said it was possible that the order was received before the date entered in the day book, but this was not probable. On the assumption that the order was received before the date shown in the book, it was possible that the type was set before that date.

Official Receiver's Investigations.
Mr. E. L. Agassiz, the next witness, said that he was Official Receiver and liquidator of the Instone Banking Corporation. A winding up order was made on June 10 last, and since that time witness had been engaged in investigating the affairs of the bank.

He had called in Mr. Ross to assist him by reporting in particular on the balance sheet, to show from which books the items had been extracted, and how they were made up.

Some of the books investigated particularly were the Head Office ledger, Shareholders' ledger, Company's cash book, Head Office loans and investments, and the Company's minute book.

Referring to the balance sheet, Mr. Agassiz said he found that the amount of capital stated as \$1,130,000 had not been allotted. In arriving at this conclusion he considered the forms of allotment. He found that five per cent. was payable on application in cash, but it did not appear from the books that anything had been paid on application. The natural conclusion was that the applications were bad.

Witness also found that a transfer had been made from Capital Account to Allotment Suspense Account out of the \$1,130,000. Other items were so transferred to that account before the date of the balance sheet, and amounts previously debited to shareholders had been re-credited to them.

A Sworn Statement.
In the statement of affairs sworn by Mr. Brewer before the witness, in July last year, page 2 refers to contributions. That was a statement of the share capital, but there was no reference in it to the \$1,130,000 capital.

In the summary of capital unallotted and unpaid, the unpaid call on the \$1,130,000 was not included except for one name which was put down for 100 shares while the applications purports to be one for 1,000 shares.

Collateral security loans amounting to \$349,030 were made up of loans prepared on receipt forms which had been produced. It also included a sum due from Chan Sze Chin, which, in fact, witness had taken into consideration in a compromise with that person. Witness was in hopes of recovering some of the money.

No Money to Make Loans.

"The Company never had money to make loans," said Mr. Agassiz. He made a statement from the inspection of the books. In June or July, 1927, there was \$50,000 according to the cash book. It purported to make loans for \$781,000.

The value of the shares were dependent on the Company's assets. In the opinion of witness the shares were worth nothing. Collateral security, witness understood, to be something independent of those shares which have even been paid for. The collateral security statement, continued witness, was absolutely incorrect in his opinion with the exception of the item relating to Chan Sze Chin.

Mr. Agassiz said that the balance sheet conveyed the impression that there was a prosperous banking business, a large amount of paid-up capital, customers' deposits in the

SANITARY BOARD BUSINESS.

HEREDITARY MONOPOLY OF MARKET STALLS.

AN OPIUM BUSINESS IN A MARKET.

The following members were present at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday:—Mr. W. J. Carrie (President), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E., the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (D.M.S.S.), Major Cheyne, M.C., Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. M. K. Lo, and Mr. J. Watson (Secretary).

On the proposal of the President Mr. M. K. Lo was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Colonial Cemetery Committee.

The minute by the President relative to the proposed amendment of the cemeteries bye-laws was adopted.

Mr. Carrie explained that the proposed amendment referred to cemeteries other than Chinese. He moved the deletion of the words "and by written consent of the next of kin of the person buried." The bye-law as it stood at present stated that no grave could be reopened without the consent of the Board, and of the next of kin. This, he felt, fettered the Board in the exercise of its discretion, though no doubt they would seek to gain the consent of the next of kin before allowing a grave to be re-opened.

Market Stalls.
With reference to his memorandum on the Shek Tong Tsui market stalls, Mr. Carrie said that the matter had arisen through two anonymous letters, one addressed to himself, and one to H.E. the Governor, complaining of the way the market was run. He had drawn up a memorandum which included a rearrangement of the stalls and the doing away with two of them. He proposed that his recommendations should come into force in three months time after due notice had been given to the stall holders, to give them opportunity of lodging a protest.

An Illicit Opium Business.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said that the question of market rates was an old one which was brought before the Board two years ago. He considered that it was not the right principle to allow the renters to hold a hereditary monopoly of certain stalls. He had noticed that in the President's minute, that when the President made an inspection, he had discovered an opium business in the coolie quarters in the market building. This, the speaker considered, most unsatisfactory, and showed laxity in the inspection of the markets. If they were any use at all as a Board the members should make surprise visits to the markets, both on the Hong Kong and Kowloon sides. As to the rents he felt that the hereditary system had the effect of putting all the stalls in the hands of a small ring of men who combined to keep up the prices.

Mr. Carrie, in reply, said that the opium business was not discovered by him but by an inspector of markets. The reason why it was not discovered earlier, was that there was only one approach to that particular market, and an inspector could be seen coming from some distance. It had been discovered by an inspector rushing up suddenly in a motor car. The coolie quarters were not actually in the market building.

With regard to the hereditary system, he disagreed with Mr. Braga. As long as a man ran his stalls properly and did active business at each he could not be turned out. To get into a way of arbitrarily cancelling the licences of market stalls, would result in their not getting the best type of man to take them, and he thought that there would be dearer market prices if the stalls were let on short term leases, and bid for, than if they continued to pass on from father to son.

The President's memorandum was adopted.

A discussion on the powers of the Board, arising on a question of coloured posters for a health campaign, is reported elsewhere.

neighbourhood of half a million dollars, liquid assets on short term call of three and half lakhs. At that time witness said the assets were sufficient to pay off creditors as distinct from shareholders.

Cross-examined by Mr. Davidson, witness agreed that in book-keeping there would be cross-entries by which each side of the balance sheet would be increased by a certain amount. If a thing is wrong in the books, however, it does not put it right when it is carried to the balance sheet. The books should have been put right before the balance sheets were made.

This concluded the calling of evidence, and after reference to the statement of the Supreme Court proceedings in connection with the bank's affairs, the Court adjourned until this afternoon.

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CANTON'S FOREIGN OFFICE.

CHANGES IN JANUARY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Dec. 23.
The Canton Foreign Office will be abolished by the end of this month in accordance with the order of Nanking, and from January 1 its business will be handled by a special department of the Municipal Government to be called the Foreign Department.

Mayor Lin Wan Koi, who will have charge of the foreign affairs of the Province, has appointed Mr. Leung Tai Wai to be the head of the Foreign Department of the Municipal Government.

The Department's office will be in the City Hall, and the present Foreign Office building on Wing Hon Road will be occupied by the Canton Customs Superintendent and his staff.

Mr. Tao Lu Chien, present Foreign Commissioner, will become an adviser to the Provincial Government, a post formerly held by Mr. Chu Chang Nien, the present Chinese Minister to Denmark.

General Chen Ming Shu, in supporting this appointment, paid tribute to Mr. Tao's work. Mr. Tao will assume office after a trip to Nanking.

NANKING TROOPS LEAVE.

KWANGSI ALL QUIET.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Dec. 23.
The 3rd Nanking Division under Major-General Chen Chi Ching is to-day leaving Canton for Nanking. They have been ordered to participate in the campaign against Tang Seng Chi and Feng Yu Hsiang in Central China. Chen Chi Ching himself left the city for Hong Kong yesterday on his way back to Shanghai by the s.s. President Grant.

The "Ironclads" are reported to have left Kwangtung and are reforming somewhere in Kwangsi. It is not known with certainty what their plans are; although rumours are still persistent that they are hoping to stage a "comeback."

A big campaign is being launched against Yuen Ha Kau's army of organized bandits in the East River districts. Colonel Chang Chi Ying is heading the expedition, which has no means an easy task to fight these elusive bandits, who are all ex-soldiers, and until a couple of weeks ago were regulars under General Chen Tai Tong. It was this force, who recently blew up the two steel bridges of the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Conditions in Wuchow are reported to be much better. River traffic between Canton and Wuchow has been resumed, and the merchants in this part of Kwangsi are again placing orders with their representatives in Canton and Hong Kong. All the junk services along the West River and its tributaries have also been resumed. But piracy dangers still persist.

"EVEREADY" TRADE MARK SUMMONSES.

ALL OFFENDERS PAY COMPENSATION.

The summonses issued against the four Chinese firms at the instance of Mr. R. V. Farrell of the "Eveready" Manufactures for being in possession of labels bearing colourable imitations of the "Eveready" trademark, have now been settled. Two firms had given up the labels and blocks to the complainants and had paid compensation and signed an undertaking. These summonses were accordingly withdrawn.

Before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday the remaining two firms appeared in Court.

Mr. D. H. Blake, who appeared on behalf of the complainants, intimated to the Magistrate that the remaining two firms had since pleaded guilty and arrangements had been made as in the previous cases. In view of this the prosecution would not press for a penalty. The blocks and labels had been handed over and destroyed.

The Giant American Firm.
Mr. Hui Shing Lo, who appeared on behalf of the Nam King Manufacturing Company, of Pitt Street, said he would like to make a few remarks on behalf of his client. The Nam King Factory, who carried on business in the same line, had unfortunately created a design which was similar to that of the "Eveready" trade mark. They had no intention of copying the latter trademark. His clients had now given up this line of business and started another as they realised that they "cannot compete with the American giants."

The Magistrate registered a conviction in both cases but imposed no penalty.

SANITARY BOARD POWERS.

MR. BRAGA AND MR. LO PROTEST.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT OR DEBATING SOCIETY?

The question of the powers and status of the Sanitary Board came up at the meeting held yesterday, being raised on a minute by the President (Mr. J. W. Carrie) relative to the publication of coloured posters.

In September last, said Mr. Carrie, the Board had considered certain coloured posters which they had thought it advisable to post in public places. The matter had been then referred to the Government. The Government had now intimated that they did not consider the publication of these posters desirable, and that the education officers did not approve of their use in schools as their meaning was not plain without a good deal of verbal explanation. Therefore, at present, it was not proposed to publish the posters in question, but to leave the matter in abeyance for the time being and reconsider it later by the Board.

Checked and Vetted.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said he would like to ask to what extent the recommendations of the Sanitary Board were going to be checked and vetted by the Government and time wasted in this fashion. A matter was proposed, after careful consideration by the medical representative of the Board, and approved after full discussion by the Board as a whole. It was then sent to a Government Department where such a proceeding reduced the proceedings of the Board to a farce, and its recommendations to the level of the findings of a debating society. The members of the Sanitary Board, were busy men. They took their duties and responsibilities as members of the Board, very seriously, they did not regard them as merely perfunctory. But if the recommendations of the Board were to be turned down on every question of importance the members would realise that the Board was not wanted. He wished to make this protest as a matter of principle.

Prestige of the Board Damaged.

Mr. M. K. Lo said that what Mr. Braga had expressed had passed through his own mind when he read the minutes of the proposal in question. He wanted to ask if it was any use for the Board, or a sub-committee such as Mr. Carrie had suggested, reconsidering the question at all. He remembered that the original discussion on the matter had been adjourned more than once. The posters were passed by the then M.O.H. (Dr. Fawcett) who was very keen on their adoption, and approved by the whole Board. There had been no hint at that time that the findings of the Board on this subject were to be submitted to a higher veto. All that the Board received was an intimation that the proposal had not been sanctioned. If they reconsidered the proposal and made alterations, the same thing might happen again. He, for one, was not prepared to give time to reconsidering the matter as he felt that under the present conditions, it would be waste of time. The history of this affair had done no good to the authority and prestige of the Board. He felt that a fuller statement with regard to the action of the Government in this matter would be desirable.

The Government's Right to the "Final Say."

Mr. Carrie replied that he thought both Mr. Braga and Mr. Lo were stressing the matter unnecessarily. Obviously the Government must have the final say in what it was proposed to post on Government property. He did not think that there was any slur on the decisions of the Board conveyed in the Government veto. He felt sure that if the sub-committee brought out any well worked up scheme of health propaganda, of which the Board as a whole approved, it would receive sympathetic consideration from the Government.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"THE GEISHA": A REPLY TO "PLAYFAIR."

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

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Hong Kong, Dec. 23.

KOWLOON TRAFFIC CASES.

'BUS AND LORRY DRIVERS FINED.

'BUS DRIVER'S DILEMMA.

Two Kowloon Motor 'Bus drivers were summoned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday for failing to give the hand signal when stopping. The first driver explained that he had just taken over the wheel from another driver who had forgotten to give the hand signal when he stopped. The prosecuting constable said that the defendant was driving the whole time. Another 'bus was coming up behind and it had to swerve out. The defendant was cautioned.

In the other case the defendant was alleged to have suddenly stopped at the junction of Nathan Road and Jordan Road while on the way to Sham Shui Po. The driver said that he called out to his conductor just before the bottom of the hill and received the order to carry on. Suddenly the bell rang and to stop in time he had to use both hands on his brakes. The driver added that if he didn't stop in time the passengers would "growl like the devil," while if he stopped further on he would be summoned for stopping at another than a certified stopping point.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$3 and remarked that the driver should not have been going so fast and should have been prepared to pull up at the proper stopping place.

BATTERY RUN DOWN.

Traffic Sergeant Clarke summoned another 'bus driver for proceeding along Waterloo Road without any lights. "There were no head lights nor, any in fact, in the 'bus," said Sergeant Clarke. Defendant said that his battery had run down and although the lights were turned on, they gave no light. He was fined \$4.

FAILED TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT.

A lorry driver was fined \$10 for failing to report collision with a Kowloon Motor 'Bus. Sergeant Clarke told the Magistrate that defendant backed out of Waterloo Road into Nathan Road and hit the 'bus damaging the driver's cabin and breaking three panes of glass. The 'bus driver reported the accident but the defendant did not. It was stated that a compensation of \$10 had been paid by the defendant to the 'Bus Company for damages.

SPEEDY LORRY.

A lorry driver was summoned by Sub-Inspector Nicol for negligent driving, along Gascoigne Road. The officer said that he followed the defendant's lorry which was travelling at about 30 m.p.h. He passed another lorry in front of him and cut across a private car when turning into Nathan Road. The private car (No. 729) had to stop dead to avoid a collision.

Defendant said that he had no speedometer and did not know his speed. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$15 and remarked to defendant that he had better get a speedometer.

Defendant asked permission to pay the fine in two days time (Christmas Day). Observing the date, the Magistrate refused and said, "No, to-day is a more lucky day."

FAULTY BRAKES.

A licensee of a lorry, whose driver has already been fined for having very faulty brakes, appeared on a similar summons. Insp. Macdonald, Police Mechanic, prosecuted and pointed out to the Magistrate that the lorry was almost new. He tested it and at 15 m.p.h. the hand brake took 138 feet to pull up, while the foot brake took 75 feet which meant that both brakes were useless.

The lorry was fitted with four brakes and should have pulled up in about 15 feet. It was merely a case of neglecting to adjust the brakes. The next day witness brought the lorry to a standstill in 20 feet.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$30 and when defendant asked for a reduction in the fine, the Magistrate told him that he, and not the driver, was just the type of person who should be fined.

FINED FOR BEING 'HELPLESS'.

Sub-Inspector Nicol summoned an employee of the Kowloon Motor 'Bus Company for soliciting at the Star Ferry. It was stated that he beckoned to two gentlemen coming out of the Ferry, shouting the destination of the 'bus.

The Magistrate remarked that if strangers came off the Ferry how

ANOTHER SEA TRAGEDY.

220 LIVES LOST.

PITIFUL STORY OF THE LEE CHEUNG.

News of the worst shipping disaster on the South coast of China, since the loss of the ill-fated Hsin Wah off Waglan Light, was received in Hong Kong yesterday when it became known that the little coasting steamer Lee Cheung had sunk off Fung Point on Saturday night. The vessel had left Swatow at 7 p.m. that day and as the journey is only a matter of four hours from Hong Kong anxiety deepened as the week end passed and still no news came. The very heavy weather experienced at about the time the ship left added to the fears for her safety, but it was thought that either she had run somewhere for safety or possibly had fallen into the hands of pirates and was in the comparative safety of Bins Bay.

Only Two Survivors.

Yesterday, however, all doubts as to the vessels fate were settled, when two survivors of the crew, who had been landed by a friendly fishing junk, made their way to the offices of the owners, the Fook Hoi Company, 87, Connaught Road.

The survivors in their account of the disaster said that the ship left Swatow on Saturday at 7 p.m. with about 120 passengers, a crew of 40 and 4 anti-piracy guards. Rough weather was encountered on leaving harbour, the wind increasing to a gale, and the seas running very high. The Captain, an experienced Chinese seaman, who has been on the run for years, held on, evidently hoping that he would be able to run to shelter in Hong Kong or the Delta. Evidently the ship became unmanageable and drifted past her destination.

Many Women and Children on Board.

A large number of women and children were on board, their terrified screams adding to the horror of the darkness and the storm. At about 10 p.m. a heavy gust caught the little vessel, heeling her over to starboard, so that she started to fall. In a few seconds it was over, and amid piercing cries of the passengers, imprisoned like rats between decks, the ship turned turtle and sank like a stone. Not one of them had the slightest chance, according to the survivors, of breaking free. "Had they done so," one man said to our representative, "they must have been killed in the raging and icy cold water."

On a Raft.

It appears that two or three rafts were launched and the two survivors clung to one of them. They picked-up the Captain and for a time he shared the precarious shelter. But the cold proved too much for the elderly man—he is said to have been well over 50—and he died of exposure; his body soon being washed from the raft. The other two held on, through the long hours of the night—endless they seemed—but at daylight, when the storm had moderated they sighted a fishing vessel which was able to get alongside and take them on board.

Futile Search.

As soon as they heard the news the Company sent a launch to search the neighbourhood in the hope of picking up survivors. But it returned having found no one. Police launch No. 3 also set out on the same errand, intending to see if anyone had been washed up on the islands. So far, however, no news of any further survivors has been obtained.

The Lee Cheung is a little vessel of a net tonnage of 165 tons and 800 tons gross. She is 130 feet in length, and was, as stated, commanded by a Chinese skipper who has been on the run for many years. The vessel used to run regularly between Hong Kong and Shanhai, and was carrying a cargo of cattle and pigs as well as the passengers at the time of the disaster.

also would they find out which 'bus to take?

The officer replied that the regulation route numbers were shown on all 'buses and that it was not for the 'bus people to shout to the fares.

A fine of \$3 was imposed.

A FORGETFUL DRIVER.

A school-boy driver, Mr. Leung Pak Cheung, was summoned for failing to produce his license. It was revealed that defendant had been fined for the same offence once before.

The prosecuting officer said that defendant drove his car up the thoroughfare leading to the Yau-mati Ferry, which was closed to traffic. Witness stopped the car, and asked defendant for his license. It was then after 1 a.m. and defendant had apparently taken friends to catch the ferry to Hong Kong.

In view of his previous offence a fine of \$5 was imposed.

CHARGE AGAINST CONSTABLE.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON A WOMAN.

A charge of the manslaughter of a Chinese woman brought against a Shantung constable was amended to one of assault to do bodily harm when the case was opened before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes (Assistant Crown Solicitor) prosecuted and F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the defendant.

Outlining his case, Mr. Andrewes said that on December 2, at about 1 a.m., the deceased woman's son was returning home when in Tung Street he bumped into a woman. The latter screamed, and a constable (the defendant) chased the man to a side lane near his home at 41, Tung Street. A struggle then ensued during which the deceased woman and other members of the family came on the scene.

It was alleged that the defendant struck the deceased on the temple. After the woman fell it was further alleged that the defendant kicked her in the stomach. The woman was then sent to hospital.

Dr. Kao deposed to being present when the woman was brought to the Government Civil Hospital. Witness found no internal injuries. The patient complained of pains in the stomach.

Dr. G. H. Thomas said that the same day at 9 a.m. he examined the woman, who complained of pains in the right ribs. Witness found her to be suffering from pneumonia and she died the same day. The next day a post mortem examination was held by witness and he drew the same conclusion as regards the cause of her death.

After further evidence, the case was adjourned until next Monday afternoon.

TIGER IN SUBURB OF SINGAPORE.

PLEASANT EARLY MORNING MEETING!

Singapore, December 16.—A European resident of Singapore had a most remarkable and alarming experience yesterday morning.

Mr. J. Regan, a foreman employed on the Johore waterworks scheme, spent Saturday night with friends in a house in Flower Road, just beyond the sixth mile, Upper Serangoon Road.

At about five o'clock yesterday morning Mr. Regan left the house to go to his work in another part of Singapore. He was bound for the taxi stand at Paya Labar village, about half a mile from the junction of Flower Road.

After Mr. Regan had reached Upper Serangoon Road, and had gone about fifty paces in the direction of Paya Labar, walking in the middle of the road, his attention was attracted by an unusually large animal coming in the opposite direction. The morning was rather dark, but Mr. Regan could see it walking along the grass patch on his right.

A Horrid Half Minute.

Not being quite certain what it was, Mr. Regan continued to walk on, but he very quickly saw that the animal was a fairly large tiger. Man and beast drew level, with not more than six feet separating them, and looked at each other for nearly half a minute. Mr. Regan stood motionless, and he says that that brief period seemed endless. The tiger, whose stripes he distinctly saw, glared and growled and then continued its prowl, while Mr. Regan made for Paya Labar village at top speed.

When seen by a Straits Times representative several hours later Mr. Regan confessed that he was still feeling the effects of the experience. He estimates the height of the tiger at about three feet.

This was possibly the same tiger that was seen by a motorist on the Seletar Road some weeks ago. It presumably made its way to the main road via one of the many lanes which run into rubber estates and plantations in the vicinity.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1929. [8785]

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

6th JANUARY, 1930.

MEMBERS are requested to send in their Applications for Tickets to the BALL, as soon as possible to Mr. S. T. BUTLIN, Hon. Secretary, c/o LINTZAD & DAVIS. [8784]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, CRATER ROAD, Victoria, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 31st DECEMBER, 1929, at 12.30 O'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the Year ended 30th June, 1929, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held immediately after such Ordinary Yearly Meeting and at the Same Place, when the proposed Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution viz.—

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a FURTHER EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Same Place on WEDNESDAY, 15th JANUARY, 1930, at 12.30 O'CLOCK P.M. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings of the above mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A Copy of the proposed New Articles of Association of the Company can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

SBEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1929. [8787]

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E. JESSEN, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 31st Dec., 1929. [8786]

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IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION OF PUBLIC BUSINESS on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 25th and 26th of DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS).
Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1929. [8779]

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By Order of the Board,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. [8738]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.35 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone is now central over the lower Yangtze Valley. Fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. Local Forecast: Northerly winds, fresh, fine.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 24, 1929.

"PARKING" AT KOWLOON.

Motorists living on the mainland who use their cars daily to drive to and from the ferry are becoming very disturbed by some rather vague but sinister rumours. These reports are to the effect that the present privileges extended to them in regard to the free parking of cars are to be withdrawn. Nobody regards with approval the possibility of losing a privilege, and it is easy to understand the anxiety which has been caused by rumours as to coming changes in these arrangements of a very drastic character. Everybody acquainted with street-traffic conditions at the Kowloon wharf will agree that improvement is urgently necessary. There will be no disagreement with the view that the present state of affairs at this busy spot is not only highly inconvenient but positively dangerous. Differences of opinion will appear, however, as soon as any discussion commences as to what should be done to remedy the very obvious defects which exist. A suggestion that, in order to make more room for vehicular traffic, the railway-station be removed to another site is regarded in official circles as too absurd for serious attention. The connection between rail and sea transport must be close and complete—an ideal arrangement in theory, but as put into practice in this crowded corner of Kowloon productive of great inconvenience during the rush hours. The advent of the motor-bus has made travel between the outer residential districts and the ferry much more convenient, but traffic has become much more congested, and the rickshaw still remains, in spite of all mechanical competition, to complicate matters still further.

Thus it comes about that the authorities responsible for regulating street traffic have been looking about for some way whereby conditions at the wharf may be improved. The solution is not to be easily found. An enormous volume of traffic concentrates at a dead-end where there is practically no room for adequate ground expansion; it follows, therefore, that whatever solution there may be for the problem must be mainly concerned with the traffic, itself, and not with the ground upon which it moves. Now there are four classes of vehicular traffic constantly moving to and from the wharf—the rickshaw, the "motor-car or cycle," and the motor-bus. Each makes its own particular appeal to various sections of the public, but the rickshaw and the motor-bus appeal to the greatest number by far. Those who drive daily to and from the ferry in their own cars are not more than fifty in number; and there are possibly about the same number who do the journey on motor-cycles. Space has been provided at the ferry for the parking of cars and cycles, and it is this space which—if report be true—is now threatened. It is understood that the traffic authorities who have been investigating the problem which has developed at Kowloon have come to the conclusion that the space which is now given up to motor-cars and cycles is much too valuable to be monopolised in the manner it is, and that consequently the facilities hitherto permitted for parking must be withdrawn.

This decision—if such it be—is naturally not welcome by those whom it will most directly and immediately affect. Such a proposal will be most unpopular among those who have been accustomed to leave their cars and cycles at the ferry until required again for the homeward journey. But motorists and motor-cyclists are not the only people to be considered in the matter. They represent actually an extremely small minority of the people affected by traffic conditions at the Kowloon ferry, and annoying though the prospect is, they can have no legitimate grievance if it should be decided to deny them free parking places at such a congested spot. Kowloon motorists will be experiencing the same difficulties which have already developed in other parts of the world. In every city the problem of providing parking space for cars has caused friction between motorists and the traffic authorities and the clash becomes inevitable everywhere as the number of cars on the roads increases. In many small country towns and villages in England motorists are not allowed to leave their cars in the street even for the brief period required to take afternoon tea. Cars must be parked in a special place set apart for them, and frequently a charge of one shilling is made for the privilege. The same thing happens at the seaside. A few years ago motorists would drive up to the marine parade and stay there for hours undisturbed; now-a-days the police keep them on the move and parking is not allowed along the sea-front unless there is a convenient open space where cars can pull up without interfering with the free flow of traffic. These things are very annoying, of course, and owner-drivers complain bitterly at being compelled to leave cars in a parking space or garage five minutes' walk from their hotel or the beach, but it is in the interests of the general public that these regulations must be made.

Some people regard motorists generally as a selfish lot, but driving a car does not change a man's disposition, nor a woman's. People who are naturally selfish and inconsiderate when standing on their feet are equally unpleasant persons when seated at the wheel. The man or woman who, in ordinary affairs, is courteous and thoughtful of others is equally polite and considerate when at the wheel of a car. Motorists, then, are just as selfish and unreasonable as the rest of the community—neither more nor less, and we believe most of those who will be affected by the proposed new arrangements at Kowloon will realise—after their first and natural annoyance is over—that free parking facilities cannot be expected at such a congested spot as the railway and ferry terminus. They will recognise, we believe, that with the constantly increasing amount of traffic converging at this point, every available inch of ground must be made the best and utmost use of—and nobody can pretend that space occupied by a car which stands unmoved for four and even eight hours continuously is being made use of to the greatest public advantage. Ample notice, however, should be given of the real intentions of the authorities in this matter, so that motorists may have time to adjust themselves to the new conditions. If free parking space is to be no longer available, car-owners will have to make arrangements for garaging their vehicles as near the ferry as possible—as has to be done in other cities where public spaces are not available. When it is realised that this change is for the general good of the community, we feel confident that that section of it represented by motorists will accept the situation with the good grace shown by every sportsman in accepting the inevitable.

News and Views.

Two cases of small-pox were reported over the week-end.

The P. & O. Kashmir from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on December 21.

From January 1 the Great Northern Telegraph Company will calculate charges for cables at the rate of 50 cents to one franc.

Hong Kong's cold spell distinctly moderated yesterday afternoon. At 10 a.m. the temperature was 47 degrees, but with the appearance of the sun it rose to 53 degrees by 4 p.m.

The seventh annual meeting of the Sandakan Light and Power Co., 1929, Ltd. will be held in Hong Kong on December 31. Details will be found in an advertisement appearing elsewhere.

The "Brunswick" Christmas Raffle for a 1929 Brunswick Gramophone, and 24 of the latest records, drawn last night at the Brunswick Studio, was won by Mrs. F. Leon. The thirteenth number drawn took the prize.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2200, situate opposite Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1727 at Mong Kok Tai, was sold to Mr. Chong Sam Young, of 12, Yun Nam Lane, for \$28,225 at the Crown Land Office yesterday. The upset price was \$28,125. The land has an area of about 12,500 square feet and its annual rental is \$144.

A Xmas treat to the poor, under the care of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, was held yesterday at the C.Y.M.S. Club, when His Lordship the Bishop H. Valtorta presided. After tea money, blankets, and toys were distributed to more than 200 dependants of the Society. Special thanks are due to the many subscribers who contributed towards the funds, to the C.Y.M.S. for the loan of the Hall, to the ladies for cakes, and to all those who helped to make the treat such a success.

The Committee of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society has much pleasure in announcing that the satisfactory sum of \$420 was the result of the Bridge and Mah Jong Drive held on December 16. Sincere thanks are extended to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Kayamally & Co., A. S. Watson & Co., Kelly & Walsh, the Pharmacy, Mme. Sarraut, Yue Shing, and the Helena May Institute. The Society is also very grateful to Mrs. A. H. Ferguson, Mrs. McKichan, Mrs. F. D. Tracy, Mr. R. Sutherland and to all who assisted, in any way, to the success of the effort.

The Rev. A. Wellesley Orr, Vicar of St. Paul's, Kingston Hill, Surrey, preaching at a football service, said:—"Is it possible for a man to be honest in a slum? I solemnly say that if I saw my wife dying of a disease, incurable simply because I could not afford the cure, or my child growing up weak and unlike other children because of a starvation diet or improper housing, all would go by the board. 'I would be open to be a thief, an Anarchist, a murderer; I would be willing to lose my own soul to save others.'"

Egyptian men have completed a national contest in which the competitors tried to resemble their favourite screen actor. The winner of the competition, in which many well-known people took part, was the Emir Loufalakh, who made himself up to resemble Lon Chaney, John Gilbert, Ricardo Cortez, Ramon Navarro, Adolphe Menjou, Valentino, and even Jackie Coogan proved the favourite and most numerous imitated stars among the contestants. The women of Egypt, in their secluded lives, are still more or less screened from the screen world. The film audiences in Cairo are composed of men, with occasionally European women tourists. The men fear that once women see films and women's part in them the centuries-long subjugation of Egyptian women will vanish.

Getting it Hot.

Two soldiers of the 2nd King's Own Shropshire Light Infantry, stationed at Aldershot, were charged at Reading recently with stealing a handbag containing £1 4s. from Queen Elizabeth Ann Hunt. An officer from the regiment said that occasionally soldiers intended for India committed civil offences so as to avoid going there. If the men were handed over to the military authorities they would be punished. They were warned for a draft to leave for India. Miss Hunt was asked if she was willing that no evidence should be offered so that the men could then be handed over to the military authorities. She replied: "I would rather that they went to India. It might punish them more." The men were discharged and handed over to the military authorities.

The "Dawes" Collar.

There is something Gladstonian in the prominence given to a celebrity's collars. Hats, pipes and monocles still survive among England's twentieth century politicians, but the collar died in 1898. Now comes General Dawes, already famous for his inverted pipes, to revive it, and to display, as another sign to his bow, a collar of peculiar design, which, his brother declares, he has been obliged to give up because he cannot get them on the British side of the Atlantic.

There is not a collar in the world, however, bizarre the shape, which a London hostess of any standing would not specially make. The manager of the West End firm stated that they actually stock the "Dawes" collar (though that is not their name for it)—an up-and-down affair with a V-shaped opening. "There is not much demand for them," said the manager, "as they are apt to nip the neck when one bends forward. Lord Londsdale wears a collar of a very similar design."

A young waitress charged at West London with stealing tablecloths from the shop where she was employed successfully pleaded that she "merely borrowed them because she had 'company' coming for the week-end."

A Leipzig secondhand bookseller publishes in his latest catalogue the following black-bordered announcement:—"It is my melancholy duty to inform the recipients of this catalogue of the death of Mr. Credit, who had been employed in my firm for the last 33 years. His demise was brought about by bad payers."

Adolphe Menjou, the film actor, has undergone an operation in the American hospital in Paris. He said: "It is nothing serious—just appendicitis." After leaving Hollywood earlier in the year M. Menjou and his wife (formerly Miss Kathryn Carver) arrived in Paris last July. Soon afterwards M. Menjou signed a contract to make films in France.

When is a Man Drunk?

Following numerous recent motor accidents involving suspicion of drunkenness, the Copenhagen Commune has decided to make a number of experiments in an endeavour to ascertain the effects of a moderate quantity of alcohol upon the average person, particularly with respect to the extent to which vision, powers of concentration, muscle co-ordination and ability to estimate speed are affected. Two hundred persons are to undergo certain psychological tests, before and after drinking intoxicating liquor. Various intoxicants will be available, including beer and schnapps, whisky, brandy and liqueurs. The "doses" will represent from forty to fifty cubic centimetres of pure alcohol and are to be taken in conjunction with a light meal. While the Commune agrees that the effects of alcohol may manifest themselves in very different ways, according to individual temperament, it hopes that it may be possible to discover certain reactions, which are common to all, or, at any rate, to the majority, of those who submit to the tests.

State Aid for Beauty.

We are used to being told of the millions that are annually spent in the United States on "beauty culture," but a serious effort to catch up with that high standard of "face joy" is proposed in Germany. A society has been launched to urge upon the Government the need for including facial reforms and refurbishings in any scheme of national insurance. It is not stated whether the employer will be expected to contribute to this beauty benefit—it may be argued that he ought to be glad to encourage the growth of loveliness around him and to write the premium off as a sort of decoration to premises. But who is to decide when the benefit becomes due? The beauty doctors would probably find themselves as closely watched as the ordinary doctors in this country, and just as sternly hauled up for "over-prescribing"—ordering a complete face-lift when the super-vising committee held that a little massage and cold cream might have done the trick. The idea cannot be recommended—there will be no really effective reconstructions for a beauty patient "on the parcel." It will be charm at the cheapest rate—curling-pins rather than permanent waves every time.

Looking Back 25 Years.

Sir T. V. S. Argyer has announced that, owing to the high tariff charged, he is preparing to offer matured plans to cut a second Suez Canal. A big contractor, familiar with work in Egypt, is really to finance and carry out the undertaking. The proposal has excited considerable interest in mercantile circles.—Hong Kong Daily Press, December 24, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The holiday of Friday next will be devoted by the Hong Kong Club to a day's shooting at the Kowloon Butte, and we are informed by the secretary that some valuable prizes will be put up for competition and that several matches are expected to be arranged. As Friday will be observed as a general holiday, and as we are now enjoying such splendid weather there will no doubt be a great number of competitors and a large audience on the occasion.—Hong Kong Daily Press, December 24, 1929.

C.E.R. SETTLEMENT REPORTS.

NOT OUT OF THE WOOD YET.

DISTRUST LINGERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The end of the Russo-Chinese conflict in Manchuria is indicated in a message from Reuter's correspondent at Moscow, announcing that official information has been given of the signature of a Protocol at Khabarovsk by Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng, representing the Mukden Government, and M. Simanovsky, representing the Soviet Government.

The Protocol restores the status quo ante on the Chinese Eastern Railway, provides for the restoration of the respective Consulates in Manchuria and Russia and for the restoration of the Russian commercial organisations in Manchuria, and Soviet Far Eastern territory.

Meanwhile, the troops of both sides are to be withdrawn, prisoners are to be released unconditionally, while a Russo-Chinese Conference will meet at Moscow on January 21, to discuss and arrange for the settlement of outstanding questions.

LATER.

The Protocol also provides for the recognition and restoration of the rights of the employees of the Chinese Eastern Railway, who have left since July 10.

The Chinese undertake to disarm and deport White Guard detachments from the Three Eastern Provinces.

MONGOLS CAUSING TROUBLE.

A RUSSIAN PAWN IN THE GAME?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

The project for a new Mongol Republic, under Soviet encouragement, in the district of Barga, is reported in official despatches from Harbin and Mukden. This proposal is likely further to complicate the vexed C.E.R. situation.

Apparently, according to trustworthy information reaching Japanese officials, the Young Mongols took opportunity of the November invasion to occupy towns deserted by the Chinese. Hence Hailar is at present held, not by Soviet regulars, but by Mongols with Russian and Burist officers, and Russian arms. A partial confirmation of this is the Russian statement at the Harbin conference that Hailar is occupied by Mongol Russians, and they are unable to compel its evacuation.

The Governor of Heilungkiang has reported the Barga situation to Mukden, and Chang Hsueh Liang has despatched several Mongol princes, acknowledging his overlordship, to Barga to attempt to head off the independence movement.

Japanese opinion is that Soviet officials may be encouraging the Barga development in order to strengthen their claim that the Chinese are unable to maintain peace in the C.E.R. zone. Hence the Soviet may claim that they must share in policing the railway when the question arises at the coming C.E.R. conference at Moscow.

INTERNATIONAL TRAIN FIASCO.

CHINA DISCLAIMS ALL RESPONSIBILITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 23.

Chinese authorities express amazement regarding reports that Manchuria authorities in any way prevented the international train proceeding to the Siberian-Manchurian border. Officials emphatically declare that military measures by the Soviet troops were responsible for the inability of the train to proceed to its desired destination.

China is most desirous that neutrals visit the zone, which was ravaged by wanton raids of Soviet troops, and that neutrals make known to the world the responsibility of the Soviet in invading Chinese territory, and violating the Kellogg Pact.

CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY.

AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME FOR 1930.

EXTRALITY ISSUE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 23.

Dr. C. T. Wang, outlining the foreign policy of the Nationalist Government for 1930, this morning, declared that in the coming year the work of his Ministry would be devoted to the abolition of foreign inland and coastal navigation rights; the withdrawal of foreign troops; and the retrocession to China of foreign concessions and settlements.

He added that upon Britain's own initiative preparations were being made for revision of the Sino-British Treaty, and a draft of the changes had already been forwarded to the British Government for consideration.

"Adequate measures will be taken at the end of this year as to the extrality issue," he added. "The efforts made in this connection during the current year have therefore not been in vain."

OBJECTIONS TO MR. OBATA.

VOICE OF "THE CHINESE PEOPLE."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 23.

It is learned that the National Government will very shortly inform the Japanese Government that it is unable to agree to the appointment of Mr. Obata, in view of the objection of the Chinese people. It is the opinion of influential non-Government quarters, that the opposition to Mr. Obata is not directed against the Japanese people. On the other hand, the Chinese people are anxious to strengthen friendly feelings between China and Japan, and sincerely hope the Japanese Government will soon name a Minister.

MR. LIVESEY SAFE.

BUT MR. SANDY STILL IN "REDS" HANDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23.

It now transpires that Mr. E. H. Livesey, one of two Wesleyan missionaries reported as being abducted at Tsuch, near Hankow, last week, is not in the hands of the "Reds," but is safe in Hankow. Mr. Sandy, however, is still a captive.

AMERICAN BUSINESS.

SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

The Federal Reserve Board's report states that industrial production declined in November for the fifth consecutive month, but the decline in employment was less than the decline in production. The banking system is in a strong position and prepared to meet the seasonal demands of coming weeks without much increase of money rates.

NEW ZEALAND AIRMAN DOWN.

FORCED DESCENT NEAR TRIPOLI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The aviator Chichester, the young New Zealander, who set out from England on Friday in an attempt to beat Bert Hinkler's record for the England-Australia trip, made a forced descent in the salt marshes to the rear of Tripoli, according to a message from Rome.

The machine was damaged but the airman escaped unhurt.

A Bitter Blow.

Wellington, N.Z., Dec. 23. The sudden death is announced of Mrs. Chichester, wife of the New Zealand airman. The sad news was cabled to Rome yesterday.

VISCOUNT BYNG BETTER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 22.

Viscount Byng of Vimy passed a quiet day yesterday, and there was a distinct improvement in his condition last night.

DIPLOMATISTS' MONTH.

MANY BIG PROBLEMS TO TACKLE.

CONFERENCE DAYS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The hitherto time-honoured practice of forming New Year resolutions has perhaps, in the bustle of the modern world, been falling into desuetude, but diplomatists throughout the world will undoubtedly, during the Christmas festivities, be ruminating over many such resolutions, preparatory to tackling big problems, the relics of various international agreements or disagreements.

The Second Hague Conference, dealing with reparations and the operation of the Young Plan and the International Bank to be established, is being held on January 3, and it will usher in the New Year, followed on January 30 by the meeting of Council of the League of Nations at Geneva, and transcending all, the London Naval Conference on January 21.

Other Conferences.

Eight other League of Nations Conferences of various kinds will also be held during January, while at Vienna, an international gathering composed of the Criminal Investigation Commission will meet. All these gatherings will ensure that January, 1930 will create an historical record as a month of diplomacy.

It is assured, however, that the Second Hague Conference will not be contentious.

The new Conference will deal merely with the reports of the various committees, appointed in August last to clarify the technical points of the Young Reparations Plan before it is put into operation.

League and Kellogg Pact.

The meeting of the Council of the League of Nations should be particularly noteworthy as an effort is being made on the suggestion of Great Britain to harmonise the Kellogg Pact for the renunciation of war with the League of Nations Covenant so as to fill in the gaps of the Covenant, which is helpless to prevent war if it fails to compose a dispute peacefully.

On the contrary, the Kellogg Pact outlaws war entirely. Most of the signatories to the Covenant have signed the Kellogg Pact and if the effort succeeds, it will mean a great stride towards world pacifism, which the London Naval Conference should finally see installed as the sole motif of humanity.

Getting Ready.

His Majesty the King is spending his Christmas at Sandringham, but he will return to London for the opening of the Naval Conference, which will assemble in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords and which will be addressed by His Majesty.

Preparations for the Conference are now practically complete, as are the arrangements for the Hague Conference which will be engaged with the technical points arising out of the Young Plan.

Mr. Henderson will attend the Geneva meeting of the League Council as the Chief British delegate. It is understood that there is a proposal that the date of the Conference might be advanced to January 13.

Anglo-French Bargains.

New York, Dec. 23. According to the Washington correspondent, of the *Herald-Tribune*, the old Anglo-French difference of opinion over the counting of trained army reserves as part of the country's military strength in any land disarmament project will again be thrashed out at the London Naval Conference.

"American officials" says the correspondent "believe that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will use the trained reserves as a bargaining point with France if the French Government persists in its present obstructive and reluctant mood."

"ROYAL MAIL" AFFAIRS.

DEBENTURE INTEREST TO BE PAID.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company has announced that interest on the four and a half and five per cent. debentures will be payable as usual on January 1, 1930.

The position as regards the normal half-yearly dividends remains the same. The directors announced recently that the interim dividends would not be paid as usual, owing to the need for a reserve of cash assets.

MACAO "MUTINY" RUMOUR.

A HIGHLY EXAGGERATED REPORT.

Rumours were current, upon the arrival of the steamer from Macao last night, that a mutiny had broken out amongst the garrison.

The *Daily Press* is able to state, so far as can be gathered from a particularly reliable source, that such rumours were very highly exaggerated. The facts, as given to us, are as follows:—

Some 60 or 70 men belonging to the Artillery, and stationed in the Monte Fort, became insubordinate, because of age of the sergeants, who had been imprisoned for some offence. Later, instigated by this sergeant, the men got up a demand for higher pay, and showed signs of restlessness.

However, the rest of the garrison, many of whom were stationed in the Guia Fort, remained loyal to the Government. Through the action of the loyal troops the disaffected men were made to surrender.

The rumour current in some quarters last night that an exchange of shots had taken place proves to be quite untrue. The affair, was in fact, a very small one. The city is all quiet, and latest reports are that business is carrying on as usual.

THE KING'S CHRISTMAS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 22.

The King and Queen, accompanied by their grand-daughter, Princess Elizabeth, yesterday left London for Sandringham, where the Christmas will be spent.

ITALIAN WORKS OF ART.

READY FOR NEXT MONTH'S EXHIBITION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 22.

The transport of masterpieces which has been assembled at Burlington House, London, for next month's exhibition of Italian art, has been effected without a hitch.

Most of the works have come from Italy, but a considerable number are drawn from private and other galleries in England and Scotland and from America, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Hungary and France. They have all arrived without a scratch.

An attractive feature of the exhibition will be a series of lectures delivered weekly by leading art authorities during January and February. There will also be three *soirees musicales* illustrative of the most important styles of Italian music from the 16th Century to the present time. The lectures and soirees in conjunction with the exhibition itself will form a comprehensive commentary on Italian art.

GERMAN "LIBERTY BILL."

A CRUSHING DEFEAT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 22.

Nearly 42,000,000 male and female electors were entitled yesterday to participate in the Referendum on the Nationalist "Liberty Bill" (a Bill against the enslavement of the German Nation), which aimed at the rejection of the Young Plan, and the trial for high treason of the Ministers who signed it, but the majority of the voters abstained, many being more interested in "Golden Sunday" and Christmas shopping.

The final results show that only 5,000,000 voted for the Bill instead of nearly 21,000,000, which was necessary in order to make it law. After the recent Reichstag rejection, the result is a crushing defeat for Herr Hugenberg, the "Press King" and the Nationalist followers.

ELEPHANTS IN SOUTH SUMATRA.

THREE CONSTABLES KILLED BY HERD!

Telok Betong, December 14.—A large herd of elephants is terrorising South Sumatra, especially the Javanese colonisation area, where extensive rice plantations have been completely destroyed.

A large detachment of constabulary has been dispatched to the forest, without result, while three constables and one colonist have been already missing for four days. Their fate is unknown.

The leader of the colonisation area, Herr Barkmeyer, is now going to the forest, with a large police force to try to locate the herd.—*Straits Times*.

WAFDISTS SWEEP EGYPT.

BIG VICTORY IN THE ELECTIONS.

QUIETER THAN USUAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAIRO, Dec. 22.

Two men are reported to have been killed in an election riot at Deirut in Upper Egypt yesterday. Minor scuffles occurred elsewhere but as compared with former General Elections, polling day yesterday was extraordinarily quiet.

Although the results are not yet available, a Wafdist victory is not to be doubted. There are 232 seats in the Egyptian Parliament, and 102 Wafdist and 3 Independent have been returned unopposed, the Liberals deciding not to participate because the Wafdist refused to make the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty an issue in the Election.

It is notable that the Wafdist have won every General Election since 1924.

LATER.

An overwhelming Wafdist majority is certain. Of the 190 election results declared, including those unopposed, the Wafdist have won 142 seats.

All the anti-Wafdist in Cairo, the capital, will have to forfeit deposits, with the exception of the Ittehadist former Finance Minister, Aly Pasha Maher.

TAX REDUCTION IN UNITED STATES.

\$160,000,000 RELIEF FOR TAX-PAYERS.

NEW PRECEDENT FOR THE TREASURY.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Congressional leaders are preparing to enact swiftly, perhaps by Christmas, the Administration's novel one-year \$160,000,000 income tax reduction plan. Its adoption is virtually assured because of its apparent unanimous support.

The plan, announced unexpectedly by Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, was disclosed as a "composite picture" of opinions of financial and political leaders.

Mr. Hawley, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the Treasury was responsible for the "temporary" reduction idea. Mr. Hawley termed this plan, under which the one per cent reduction will apply only on incomes received during the calendar year 1929, as a "flexible" provision.

Although all previous American tax reductions have been carried out by enacting permanent laws, England usually manages new finances by temporary measures limited to a definite period. Mr. Hawley pointed out. He said this new method was valuable because it would prevent long debate and further legislation of the government revenues if the future should not come up to expenditure needs—in case of industrial depression or suddenly enlarged appropriations.

The unanimity of approval with which all congressional leaders received both the general idea of tax reduction, and the particular way of applying it—unprecedented in tax reduction proposals of the past—makes enactment almost a foregone conclusion.

More Reduction Possible.

Mr. Mellon's announcement did not make clear the temporary or "flexible" nature of the plan, but the Under-Secretary, Mr. Ogden L. Mills, voiced the suggestion that a tax reduction next year is not precluded by the treasury proposal. This plan, he pointed out, will enable the Treasury to give the taxpayers the benefit of any non-recurring surpluses—such as come from temporary revenues—in the future.

He asserted that President Hoover who approved Mr. Mellon's tax reduction, would recommend adoption of "flexible" taxation as a permanent policy, and that Mr. Mellon in the Treasury's annual report would discuss the same proposition. The Treasury idea is to have the president and Treasury make annual recommendations to Congress for the rates to be charged in the following year.

Although the Treasury's proposal would apply only to normal individual income taxes—up to \$20,000 a year—and corporation taxes, Mr. Mills said that it was possible the reduction might be extended to include the individual surtaxes on the larger individual incomes.—*United Press*.

Washington, December 13.—The Senate voted today to displace the tariff discussions with those on tax reduction, because of the latter's importance. It may take place to-morrow.—*United Press*.

JAPANESE DIET CONVENES.

EARLY ELECTION MAY RESULT.

TOO MANY SCANDALS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

The Diet convened this morning and is formally opening, in the presence of the Emperor, on December 23, adjourning for the New Year Recess the following day. It will be re-opened on January 21.

As the Seiyukai Party holds the majority in the Lower House by 239 members to 171 for the Minseitō, it is freely reported that the Government has tentatively decided to dissolve the Diet about January 23, for the purpose of seeking a working majority at the polls. This will come after the Foreign and Finance Ministers have announced their policies, but some close observers think it likely that the Government will strive to postpone the dissolution till the London Naval Conference has been concluded, as a General Election during its progress would tend to distract the Government's attention.

Moreover, owing to the expense and disturbance to trade involved, many people consider it inadvisable to plunge the country into the throes of a General Election so soon after lifting the gold embargo, (which occurs on January 11). The immediate effects of this lifting of the embargo, it is urged, require careful attention.

A BITTER DISPUTE.

[United Press.]

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Dissolution of the 37th session of the Diet appeared inevitable today, as rival political leaders hurled broadsides at each other in the Press.

Domestic political strife, which has reached the name of bitterness, appeared culminating in a general demand for a new election to reconstitute the Lower House in line with the popular will.

Power to dissolve the Diet rests with the Government, subject to the consent of the Emperor, and reports were circulated to-day that the Premier, Yuko Hamaguchi, already has agreed with his colleagues of the Minseitō Party to request His Majesty to issue a dissolution decree. Seiyukai leaders, including the Party President, Tsuyoshi Inukai, former Minister of Communications, also were reported to be averse to dissolution, feeling the present situation is intolerable and that both parties will be benefited by the reshuffling subsequent to an election.

One report has it the election may be held next month. The gold embargo, which has long restrained business, will be lifted on January 11 as a result of the present Cabinet's efforts, and the Premier is reported to feel that the Minseitō may well take advantage of popular rejoicing on the occasion to go to the electors.

The real reason for dissolution, if it is carried out, will be the series of scandals which have besmirched the names of both parties in the last few months. Many Seiyukai leaders are in gaol charged with accepting bribes and using measures smacking of extortion to obtain campaign contributions. Some of the former Minseitō leaders also face similar charges.

INDIAN BOMB OUTRAGE.

VICEROY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

TRAIN ATTACKED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Delhi, Dec. 23.

A bomb today hit the Viceroy of India's train, and wrecked an empty restaurant car.

One attendant was slightly injured. The Viceroy, however, is safe.

LATER.

The Viceroy's train was bombed 10 miles from Delhi, this morning. A dining-car door was smashed, and one man injured. The occurrence came on the eve of the Viceroy's conference with five Nationalist leaders this afternoon.

Bomb on the Rails.

Lord Irwin and his staff were returning to Delhi at the conclusion of a successful tour of the leading Indian states. A bomb placed on the rails exploded as the train passed over. The whole train was considerably shaken, but nevertheless arrived at Delhi punctually.

It is thought that the outrage was an attempt to sabotage the conference with the Nationalist leaders.

The train was travelling at 30 miles an hour in a thick fog two miles outside New Delhi station. The welcome party, when they heard the detonation, at first attributed it to a fog signal. A medical officer aboard the train first discovered the disaster to the restaurant car, which was immediately behind the Viceroy's coach. Lord Irwin viewed the damage, and chatted with the injured attendant, and the train proceeded to New Delhi without stopping.

Apparently the bomb was exploded electrically from a distance of 21 miles. To-day was the anniversary of a similar attempt 17 years ago, when Lord Hardinge was making a State entry into Delhi.

Obstructionist Methods.

It was while visiting Hyderabad that the Viceroy received intimation that the Nationalist leaders, Gandhi, Motilal Nehru, Mr. Patel, Mr. Jinnah, and Sir Tej Sapru, wished to give him their views on his recent announcement regarding a round-table conference on the future constitution of India.

The Viceroy accordingly invited them to meet him at Viceroy's House to-day. The meeting was additionally important, as the All-India Congress opens at Lahore on Thursday to consider the action to be taken by the Congress Party in view of its decision at the beginning of the year to start a campaign of civil resistance to British rule, if Dominion status is not granted by the end of the year.

The Nationalist leaders' request to the Viceroy is construed as a bid to reach a compromise, hence it is thought the bomb outrage was designed to wreck any possibility of a reconciliation.

Historic Occasion.

Lord Irwin's return marks an important page in the history of New Delhi, as to-day he officially took up residence at the great New Viceroy's House, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.

The Union Jack was hoisted as he entered the building, and shortly afterwards the Viceroy plunged into work.



CARR'S AFTERNOON TEA BISCUITS

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Sports News

CRICKET NOTES.

A DULL WEEK-END.

[By "L.B.W."]

There was only one game in the League over the week-end, and it was perhaps just as well too, for the sudden drop in the thermometer, coupled with the drizzle was bad, was certainly not conducive to good cricket. The light was so bad that it was very hard to see the ball after five o'clock. The official time for drawing stumps in December is 3.45 p.m., but I am sure cricketers in general will agree with me that it is impossible to play up till then. Although it will mean a bit of a rush, I think it would be a very sound idea if the captains of the different teams could arrange to start at 1.30 p.m. sharp.

The Police found practically no opposition from the R.A.S.C. thanks mainly to the splendid bowling of Alexander and B. G. Baker. The former took 6 wickets for 18 runs, while the latter had 4 for exactly 8 runs apiece! They are both doing very well just now, and make a very formidable combination, as Alexander is a medium left-hand round-the-wicket bowler, and Baker is fast right hand, coming down from a great height over the wicket and coming off the ground very fast.

I rather expected Langmaid to make something of a stand, for although he is a very slow scorer, he is about the only member of the Service Corps team who plays a straight bat. Fry collected 22—in quick time—and in the "do-or-die" manner.

Hunter made 30 not out, and Alexander helped with 20, and the Police won by 8 wickets!

While there is so much talk going on in various places about increasing the size of the wickets, it appears that the case is just the reverse in Hong Kong, for the bowlers are nearly always getting the upper hand. At King's Park the Recreation bowlers played havoc with the Civil Service Cricket Club juniors, and got them all out for only 10 runs, de Souza had 3 wickets for 8 runs, while Alves took 4 for 10.

The juniors of K.C.C. and the University played a drawn game at Pokfulam, while a very enjoyable match between the men from the "Magnolia" and "Cornflower" took place on the Navy ground at Kowloon.

Three matches are down for decision this week, and a very close game should be seen between the Indians and the R.E.s. The former have the advantage of playing at home and are, I believe, feeling quite equal to taking full points. It all depends on the toss—if they bat first, I imagine the home team will just about do it, otherwise we might see a draw.

Civil Service Cricket Club receive the Gunners, and if Musson and Christian (the elder one, I mean) are turning out, I believe they will win. The C.S.C. will have to do better than they did in their last two games if they want to win; anyway, they should run the soldiers pretty closely.

At Pokfulam the Varsity lads meet the R.A.O.C. and on paper should win, but I have not seen the latter in the field yet this season. I was looking forward to seeing them in action against the Craignower in a friendly last week, but they could not field a side and a pick-up match resulted instead.

The league tables to date are given below. It will be seen that the Police Recreation Club are ahead with 13 points for five matches played. The Hong Kong Cricket Club, really, are the favourites and come next to the Police, with the maximum points for three matches played. The Indians, who were at one time expected to make a bold bid for championship honours, are very near the bottom, having only secured one win out of the five matches played. From all appearances it would appear that the result now rests between the Police and the Cricket Club, and it will be interesting to watch how they fare in their later games. I still, however, tip the latter as likely champions, and shall be very surprised if they drop even a single point.

P. W. D. L. Pts.
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H.K.C.C. 3 3 0 0 9
Kowloon C.C. 3 2 1 0 8
Craignower 3 2 1 0 7
Civil Service 3 2 0 1 6
Recreation 3 2 0 1 6
R.E. and S. 3 2 0 1 6
Indian R.C. 3 1 1 3 4
University 4 1 1 2 4
R.A.S.C. 4 1 0 3 3
Royal Artillery 2 0 0 2 0
R.A.O.C. 3 0 0 3 0

There are three friendlies on the week-end. The Hong Kong Cricket Club juniors should not find Craignower too hard to beat. (Continued at foot of next column).

GOLF NOTES.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL.

SHEWAN v. MARTON.

[By WRYNECK.]

In the final at Faaling on Sunday Shewan beat Marton on the 30th green by 2 up.

Marton was 2 up at the end of the morning round, and was still 2 up at the 14th in the afternoon, but from there on Shewan took the bit between his teeth and got a birdie at every hole, whilst Marton could not improve on bogey figures.

They started off with a very cold north wind blowing. Shewan was in amongst the pimples and lost the first. Neither was on the 2nd in two, but both went for a four and missed. Three putts cost Shewan the next, but he sank a good one to win the 1th in 3. Marton increased his lead at the 5th, but Shewan recovered well from the rough at the 6th and won in 4.

The 7th and 8th were halved in regulation figures, and Shewan taking one putt won the 9th to turn 2 down.

At the 11th both got into trouble, but halved in 5 and Shewan won the 12th where Marton took three putts.

Shewan was over the 13th in two, but chipped dead for a half and won the 14th, where Marton got into bad trouble. Both had bad seconds at the Armchair, and three putts by Shewan allowed Marton to increase his lead.

Braeside was a full drive against the wind and was halved in 4, and at the 17th Shewan played a beauty over the trees and got his 4 to retrieve a hole, but three putts on the 18th allowed Marton to go in to lunch 2 up.

The Afternoon's Play.

The play still kept its high standard and Shewan, putting better on the whole, started with five 4's in a row to find himself still 2 down. Marton's tee shot hit the pin on the 3rd, which he won in 2. Marton lost the 6th in 6 but won the 7th, where Shewan was bunkered to the left. Regulation halves followed and Marton turned 2 up.

The 10th was halved in 4, but Shewan got one back at the 11th with a stymie, only to lose it again at the 12th through another stymie. The 13th was halved indifferently in 5, and neither could get a 3 at Sandy's Pulpit, although Shewan drove the green.

Two down and four to go! Marton was to the left of the Armchair with Shewan just on the edge, and Shewan won in 4. Marton was again on the left at the 16th. Shewan was just short, but chipped up and won in 3.

All square and two to go! Shewan drove into the rough at the 17th, but got well out and played a magic shot dead to win with another birdie and again laid a chip dead at the 18th, to win a most exciting match by 2 up.

Considering the cold weather and the nature of the match the play was of an exceedingly high standard. The wind was from an unusual direction and altered the nature of many of the holes; for instance, at the 11th Shewan hit a good drive and braeside shot, and was still short, and the 16th was a full drive to reach the green.

Marton was beaten, but he can have no vain regrets, as he gave nothing away in the last four holes, returning bogey figures at each on a day when these holes were full value for bogey. It says a lot for Shewan's golf that he was able to rise to the occasion, and produce class shots just when they were most needed, and consequently most difficult to command!

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while the Police ought to beat the Electric R.C. The game between the Recreation and C.R.C. may not come off as the latter have, with a few games down during the holidays, and I take this opportunity of wishing my readers a very merry Christmas, and don't forget to line generally, and don't forget to hit the middle ball!

Hong Kong at Play.

SPORTS NOTES AND COMMENTS.

[By "BROADCASTER"]

The defeat of the Interport side by the Royal Navy augurs badly for Hong Kong's chances in the coming tussle for honours in Shanghai. Those who saw the match are agreed that if this very side is fielded in Shanghai to represent Hong Kong in the interport game, then the Colony's chances of winning are very remote. I am inclined to agree with this view, and feel sure that the forward line could be very much improved. McKelvie as centre forward was not convincing, and although his selection for the side is fully justified, I think he should not be given the pivot position. Bewley-Bull is a good forward, but those who have seen him play find one fault with him, which he would do well to try to avoid; he is not anxious enough when in front of the goal. He is keen all the way, but his peculiar knack of "slowing down" in front of goal has to be avoided.

I understand the side which will eventually take the field will probably be without Bewley-Bull and Butcher, as A. Gosano and Gildman will play in the match proper. A. Gosano did not play last week because, probably he is reserving himself for the Portugal-China match to-morrow. Goldman will play for the Colony if the interport Association Football game comes off before the Rugby game, but if the order is reversed, Goldman may not be able to turn out. I have no fault to find with the backs on last Saturday's game, and although Wynne did not seem to be very comfortable, he played up very well. Probably it was one of his off days.

To-morrow the main attraction in football circles will be the match between Portugal and China for the Sunday Herald Cup. These two teams met in the same competition two years ago, when the ground was packed and people had to be turned away an hour before the game started. To-morrow, no doubt, history will repeat itself as far as the crowd is concerned, and those who intend to watch this game would be well advised to get their seats early. On Boxing Day England will play Scotland, and while the attendance is bound to be good, I don't think it will be anything like the crowd to-morrow.

As to the prospects of the various sides, I think the Chinese ought to account for Portugal, as the latter team has only a small number of players to select from, whereas the Chinese have two of the best teams in the league from which to pick their representatives, and ought to be able to field a very representative side. Much, I think, will depend on the first goal, as if the Portuguese players find the net in the early stages of the game. On the other hand, it seems almost safe to predict that if the Chinese ever get the lead, they will keep it throughout.

I am not sure how the England and Scotland match will turn out, but Scotland should be able to come through to meet the winners of the China-Portugal match. This is the season for good football, and the "fans" no doubt will cancel other engagements in order to watch the games. There is far more interest in these games than in league matches.

Those who attended the Fanling Race Meeting on Sunday were amply rewarded by the good sport provided, but the extreme cold at Kwant was something which the public will not easily forget, especially as there is no protection whatever on the course from the strong cutting winds generally prevailing at this time of the year. The temperature was such that it robbed the sport of much of its fun, and I am afraid many who took the trip will decide to stay away in future because of the absence of any sort of provision for the comfort of the public. The wind literally whistled through the match stands, and although the public "huddled together" in these, they were far from comfortable.

At the R.O.S.B. Gymkhana in January last year it was biting cold, but the Military authorities very thoughtfully placed stoves on many parts of the ground for the convenience of the public, and the idea might be copied with advantage by the Committee of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club.

The death of a horse in the course of a race is something unique in the history of racing in Hong Kong. Ace of Spades was an excellent jumper, and at the time of the accident was steered by one of the best steeplechasing jockeys, Mr. R. H. CHARLES. The new champion, (Continued at foot of next column).

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB.

PRIZES DISTRIBUTION AT UNIVERSITY.

Prizes won by successful competitors in the Hong Kong University Photographic Club Exhibition were distributed by Mrs. M. B. Osman, the wife of the president of the Club, at the University Union Assembly room yesterday. The secretary, Mr. K. W. Khoo, in asking Mrs. Osman to distribute the prizes said, that he was very grateful to the enthusiastic photographers who had responded so readily, and had helped him to make this exhibition a success. The exhibition thanks to their efforts had reached a high standard and many favourable comments were passed by visitors, all of which was most encouraging. The judges' task proved very arduous and it took them two hours to come to their decisions.

"I take this opportunity of congratulating the prize winners and those who obtained 'honourable mention,'" said Mr. Khoo. I also wish to congratulate those who were unsuccessful for many of these pictures had sterling qualities and I wish their exhibitors luck next time.

"Before concluding I wish to thank Mrs. Osman and the following subscribers:—Messrs. British-American Tobacco Co., Mr. B. Wylie, Dr. M. B. Osman, Mr. A. A. Rumjahn, Mrs. W. T. Southern, Messrs. Kodak & Co., Messrs. A. Sek & Co. and Messrs. Welcome & Co." (Applause.)

THE RESULTS.

The results were as follows:—

Advance Competition: Open.

Best Picture: "Autumn Ray,"

Midori Hirakawa. Award: "Three Castles" Cup, presented by Messrs. British-American Tobacco Co.

Pictorial:—1st prize: "Eucalypti," P. A. Dragon. (Gold medal, presented by the Club).

2nd prize: "Design," J. Kotwall. (Silver medal, presented by the Club).

Portraiture:—"Seven Eyes," A. Abbas. (Gold medal, presented by Mr. B. Wylie).

Commercial:—"La Puerta del Sol," Mr. R. Pestonjari. (Silver medal, presented by Mr. B. Wylie).

Members.

Best Picture:—"Romance," A. A. Rumjahn. (Gold medal, presented by the President, Dr. M. B. Osman).

Pictorial:—1st prize: "Outward Bound," N. K. Ann. (Gold medal, presented by the Club).

2nd prize: "Morn Dew," Alfred Lock. (Silver medal, presented by the Club).

3rd prize: "Morning Shadows," K. W. Khoo. (Silver medal, presented by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn).

4th prize: "Columns," Yeap Cheong Yew. (Silver medal, presented by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn).

Beginners Competition: Open.

1st Prize:—"The Team," Sum Shu Kai. (20 Kodak, presented by Messrs. E. Kodak & Co., Hong Kong).

2nd prize:—"Ming Bowl," Chow Cheng Lum. (Rytol Developing Outfit, presented by Messrs. Burroughs Welcome & Co., Shanghai).

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1st prize:—"Childhood and Old Age," V. Enok. (Kodak Vest Pocket Camera, presented by Messrs. A. Sek & Co., Hong Kong).

2nd prize:—"Ham Yee Kai," F. S. Fernando. (Rytol Developing Outfit, presented by Messrs. Burroughs Welcome & Co., Shanghai).

Portraiture:—"Sonny Boy," M. B. Osman. (Gold medal, presented by Mrs. W. T. Southern).

Advance Hon. Mention.

Cloud and Sunshine, Wong Shing Hang; The Arch, Glencady, F. J. Tavares; Sand, Hall, S. Ikeda; Evening and L'Apres-midi, P. A. Dragon; Inside the Cave and Under the Bridge, Choo Chek Chee; Portrait of a Child, F. J. Tavares; A White Chair, S. Ikeda; Study, Dr. Li Sung; La Chapelle, J. B. Kooter; A Picked up Glory, A. A. Rumjahn; Childhood, Tang Ting Cheong; Outward Bound, A. Lock.

Beginners Hon. Mention.

Shadows and Artificial Decoration, Chow Cheng Lum; Jimmy and After Told, Kwok Tsung Tsing; The Farmer's Daughter, Sky Sum.

If I may use the term, is Montana, and it will be a long time before he will be displaced, as he is a reliable jumper. I was glad to see a Derby griffin of 1830 run on Sunday, and the manner in which Christmas Frolic won, will earn for him much support at the forthcoming Annual Race Meeting.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

Division II.

Kick off at 2.30 p.m. to-day:—K.O.S.B. Res. v. R.A. Res. Soccer ground. Referee: P. O. Mellow.

PORTUGAL v. CHINA.

The following will represent Portugal against China on Xmas Day:—N. Beltrao; R. Silva-Netto, S. Sousa; C. Roza-Pereira, A. A. Remedios, P. M. Xavier; B. Gosano, A. Ward, A. V. Gosano, L. A. da Rocha, J. Gonsalves. Reserves:—C. Figueiredo and J. Santos.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. ARMY.

The following side has been selected to represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club against the Army on (Continued on next column.)

LADIES' HOCKEY.

A return match between the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club and the Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club was played at King's Park on Saturday, resulting in a win for the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club by five goals to one. The game was keenly contested, all the goals being scored by D. Stanion, who played a splendid game.

There was also a match between the 2nd eleven of the respective Clubs, on the K.O.S.B. P. A. ground. The result was 2-1 in favour of the Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club.

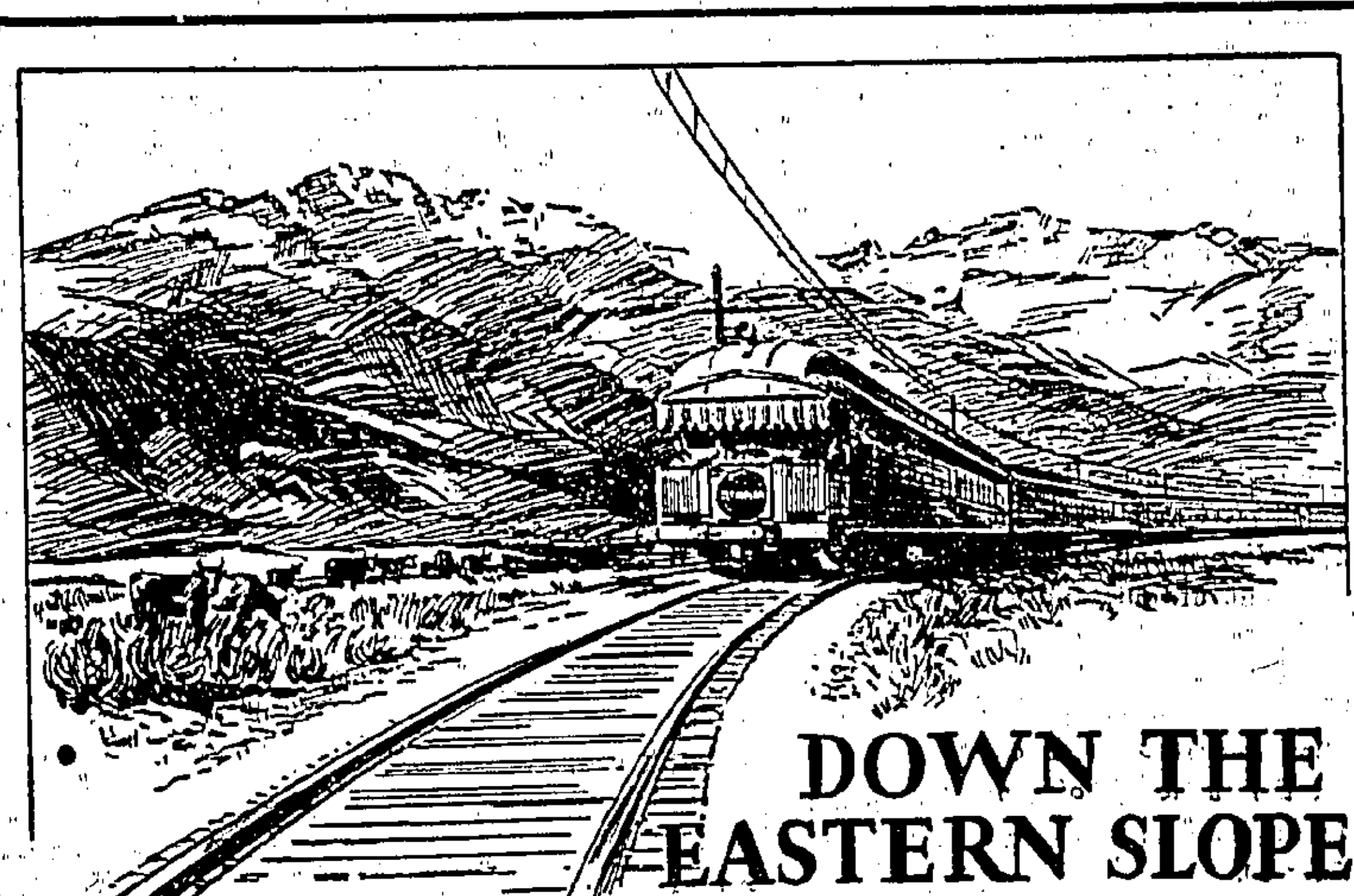
December 23 and the Navy on January 1 and 2. Play to commence at 10.30 a.m. T. E. Pearce (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bower, G. E. R. Divitt, O. Moor, H. J. Armstrong, H. V. Parker, A. Reid, A. C. Beck, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. R. Hinton.

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Lady Clementi presented the prizes to the pupils of the Peak School, the prize-giving being held in the Peak Club. A large number of parents and friends of the children were present, and were entertained by a series of delightful charades by the pupils.

Headmistress' Report.

The headmistress Miss M. W. Newsholme read her report saying *inter alia* that the school opened on January 7 with 69 pupils and closed on December 20 with 58. Throughout the year the health of the school had been good, and the children had worked satisfactorily, and examination papers showed that good progress had been made.

"In matters of discipline," said Miss Newsholme, "it is sometimes difficult in a Junior School to find the happy mean between repression and too much freedom. Children, in these parts, who have been brought up by amahs with little regard for the meaning of obedience, require, it would seem a firmer hand at the outset of their school career, than those in England who have had the advantages of a nursery. On the other hand, a fair amount of freedom does produce a naturalness and spontaneity of conduct which has charm."

"The Inspector of English Schools must at any rate, have appreciated the warmth of his welcome, on being greeted at his last inspection by one of his Kindergarten friends with 'Hello, Uncle! Come in and see the Christmas tree!' The discipline of the school has improved very considerably, thanks to the unremitting efforts of the staff in school, though occasional reports still come through of unruly behaviour on the way to and from school."

Miss Newsholme added: I should like to take this opportunity of thanking my colleagues. I should like to add a few words of thanks to the mothers for all the trouble they have taken in providing such very charming costumes for the children. The Peak School is also very grateful to Lady Clementi for coming here this afternoon to distribute the prizes.

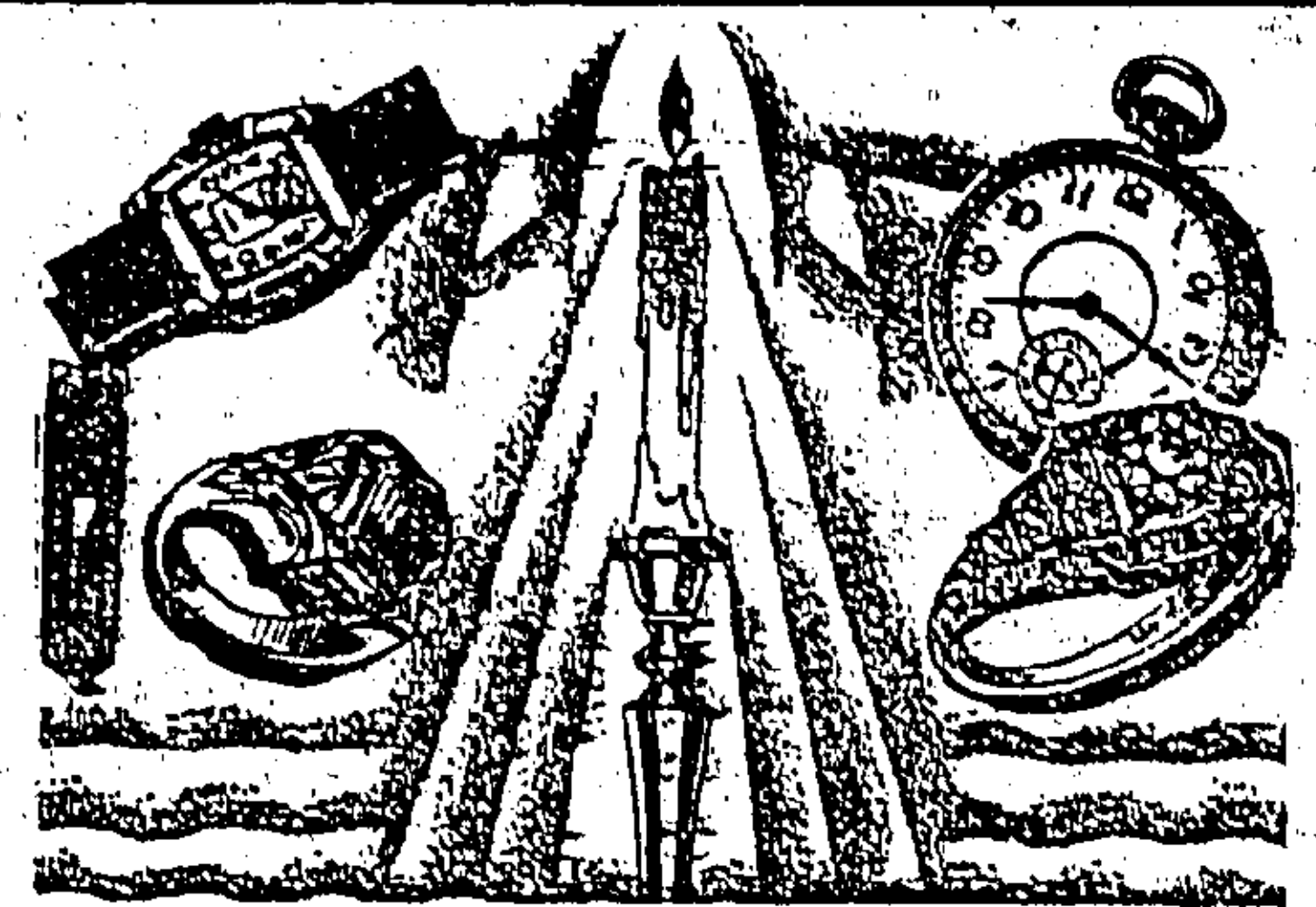
The Prizes.

Lady Clementi presented prizes to the following scholars:—
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Class 9A:—John Wood.
Class 3B:—Alison Kinghorn.
Class 8:—Betty Prosser.
Class 7:—Audrey Newhouse.
Class 6:—Evelyn Morrison.
Class 5:—Muriel Gubbay.

Royal Drawing Society Examinations:—Honours, Preparatory Division.—Margaret Young.
2nd Class:—Preparatory Division.—Charlotte Sanger, Donald Wallace, Colin Morrison, Margery Simpson.

Honours:—Division 1.—Audrey Newhouse, Evelyn Morrison.
Marchell Draper, who won honours in the first Division, is at present away at Home and therefore her prize will be forwarded. Her sister Elaine, who won honours in the second class, is also absent.



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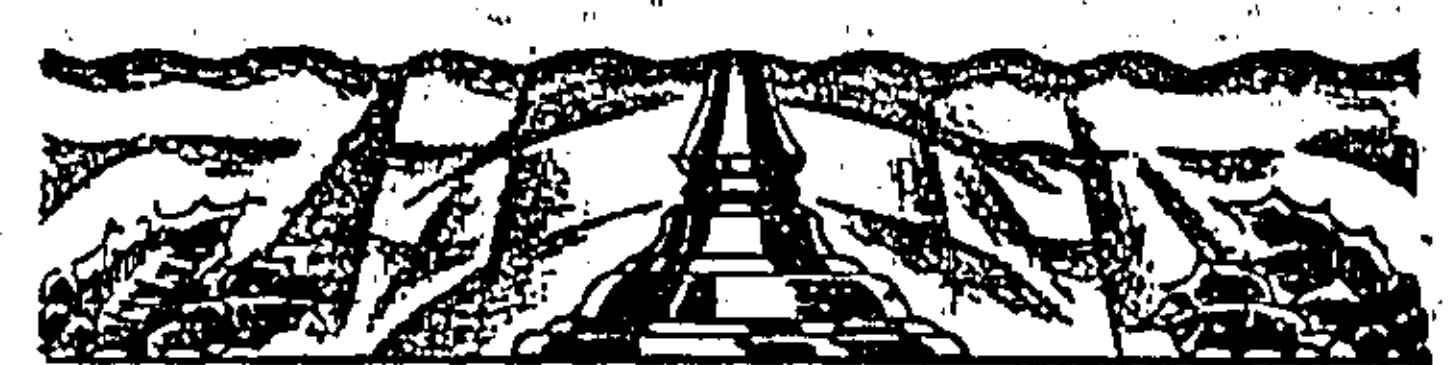
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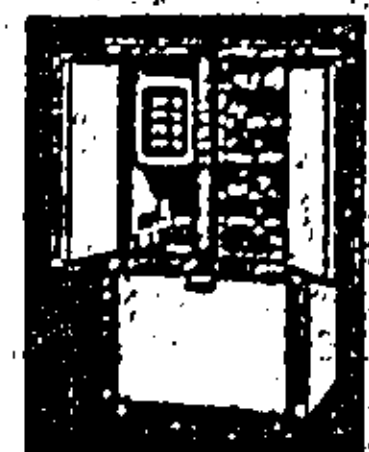
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Parade and Classes.

All parades and instructional
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the Christmas and New Year Holi-
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Flying Squad.

The next weekly instructional
patrol of the Kowloon Section will
take place on Tuesday, January 7.
Fall in at the Tsimtsui Fire
Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp.
Dress: Winter uniform, and cap
with white cover.

The next weekly instructional
patrol of the Hong Kong Section
will take place on Friday, January
10. Fall in at the Central Police
Station at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Winter
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Sharpshooters' Company.

REVOLVER PRACTICE.

Revolver practice will be carried
out on Kennedy Road Range on
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| TJIKARANG | BATAVIA | 23rd Dec. | 23rd Dec. | AMOI & SHANGHAI |
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LAST NIGHT'S FINE PERFORMANCE.

SOME BARGAINS—AFTER THE SHOW.

A crowded and enthusiastic house, ready with loud applause for every number made the last night of the Geisha go with a swing from the first number to the Wedding Finale. The Company has "come on" enormously and one's regret was that it should be their last performance.

Just at first the cold seemed to react a little on the house—the players were at the top of their form, but it needed that leg-stretching and other exercise of the interval to get the applause fully under way.

Of the players Mr. Greensmith has immensely improved his platoon patter, there were a lot of new local allusions—especially to Settlement Day—and finally he delighted us with two new and entirely local verses of Chin Chin Chinaman, one about a sharabroker's business and then a little "money-changer's shop" but again "China men no money make." Mrs. Bowes Smith and Mr. H. V. Parker won rounds of applause and Mrs. Davidson was as delightfully dominating as the Marquis (Mr. A. Brock) himself. "The Geisha does not, of course," wear" as well as the Gilbert-Sullivan and German pieces, but the Philharmonic have given us great enjoyment and made the familiar music vivid to everyone who rolled up to the theatre during the production, and pretty well the whole English community did attend.

But it was not only the English community who were present. The Japanese Vice-Consul said to our representative that he had very genuinely enjoyed the performance and many of his fellow-countrymen and women had done the same. "The costumes and scenery being excellent—the only anomaly being the modern uniforms—and you did get quite a real Japanese atmosphere. The Geisha was excellent fun. And Wan Hi!"

Producer's Thanks.

Mrs. Hunt came before the curtain and made a short speech, she said: "I can only say again thank you enormously for the marvellous reception you have given us. It is a real pleasure to me to thank all these wonderful people for their work they have done. On a former occasion I forgot to mention especially my thanks to Mr. Smith, the electrician and his two assistants, and dear, loyal and splendid Mrs. Griggs who has worked with us so wonderfully for three whole months. I mostly deeply appreciate her amazing kindness and loyalty. It is a real joy to find such appreciative audience and splendid co-workers, and I am more than amply rewarded. (Loud applause.)

The Auction.

The auction of the superfluous costumes was then proceeded with. "Takemini" acting as auctioneer supported by "Wun Hi." The costumes were offered at an upset price of half the original cost. "Blossom's" red kimono reached \$35. "Chrysanthemum's" \$30. "The Marquis of Imari's" wedding robe went at the upset price of \$150, his other costume was withdrawn. "O Yuki San's" purple and green kimono went for \$27. "Mimosa San's" first kimono at \$32 and her second at \$50. Two of the white embroidered kimono worn by the Chief Geisha in the first net raised \$35 and \$40 respectively, while another mauve one was sold for \$30. "Wun Hi" bought an unworn brown kimono for \$27. The magnificent gold thread obi for one of which the upset price was \$150 were not sold. The total of the auction was \$455. Probably better prices would have been obtained and more lots sold had it not been so unusually cold a night, but many people who might otherwise have stayed and enjoyed the fun went home in order to get warm.

EXCHANGE RATES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

| RUSSY, December 22. | |
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| Paris | 123.80 |
| New York | 123.80 |
| Brussels | 4.89 5/32 |
| Geneva | 25.00 |
| Amsterdam | 12.10 |
| Milan | 93.25 |
| Berlin | 50.38 |
| Stockholm | 18.00 |
| Copenhagen | 18.15 |
| Oslo | 18.19 |
| Vienna | 34.07 |
| Prague | 10.41 |
| Helsingfors | 19.41 |
| Madrid | 35.24 |
| Lisbon | 108.1 |
| Athens | 37.5 |
| Bucharest | 91.7 |
| Rio | 51 |
| Buenos Aires | 44 |
| Bombay | 17/8 29/32 |
| Shanghai | 2/2 |
| Hong Kong | 1/7 1/2 |
| Yokohama | 2/0 1/2 |
| Spot | 22 1/16 |
| Forward | 22 1/2 |

Money and Markets

GOSSIP FROM THE SHARE MARKET.

DECEMBER SETTLEMENT SAFELY NEGOTIATED: CAUTION SHOWN EVERYWHERE.

FREE ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

[By "KUFAN"]

Gossip often moves the market, but no investor should either buy or sell on market gossip only.

Business on the "Rialty" during the past week has been overshadowed by the December Settlement, which fell due yesterday. At one time it was feared that the settlement might prove difficult, in view of recent fluctuations in local share quotations, and in the price of Ewos particularly, but it is gratifying to be able to report that, for one exception, the Settlement went through in its original form.

Several speculators who had done badly in Ewos, it is understood, found themselves unable to meet their commitments a few days ago, and communicated with their brokers accordingly. The brokers' heads were duly notified and steps taken prior to the settlement to meet the difficulty, which was a matter of from \$30,000 to \$40,000, I understand. The settlement yesterday, according to one broker, ran into several million dollars, and the banks extended their hours until 5 p.m. While they gave brokers facilities to this extent, bankers were extremely cautious about cheques, this being no doubt due to the circulation of scare rumours prior to the Settlement.

Caution was the keynote of the settlement, and this was quite the correct attitude to take. Now that the Hong Kong settlement for December is over, it remains to be seen how Shanghai has fared. It is not anticipated that they have done as well in the North as the brokers in Hong Kong have, as the failures there have been to the tune of several lakhs in each instance, and there have been a good number of failures to meet obligations judging from reports reaching the Colony.

As a result of the Settlement having gone through without any serious difficulty of any sort, the market yesterday afternoon showed a strong favourable reaction, prices appreciating generally. Cements and China Light were greatly in demand.

HONG KONG BANKS—A few shares changed hands during the week at \$1.315 to \$1.320, and they finished with further buyers at the latter rate.

UNIONS have also been in demand. At about \$352 buyers could be found, but shares are difficult to get hold of unless much higher prices are paid.

WHARVES are wanted at \$142, with no sellers in evidence. The stock is, in all probability, going to rise still further, as they are in good hands and sellers seem scarce, with inquiries coming into the market from good quarters.

PROVIDENTS had a slight rise during the week, sales being effected at \$5.45.

HOTELS—In spite of the news of the sale of the Majestic Hotel, this stock has "eased off." Early in the week, they were done at \$11.85, but at the close shares could be obtained at \$11.50, there being quite a good few parcels offering in the market.

LANDS changed hands at \$93.50 and closed with further buyers of fairly big parcels at this rate.

REALTIES changed hands at \$7.50, and more could be placed at this figure.

HUMPHREYS—A small parcel of shares were done at \$14.40.

TRANS changed hands early in the week at various rates, between \$18.70 and \$19. The rate dropped slightly at the close, buyers offering only \$18.60 for shares, without response. There are not many shares offering, and buyers will have to come up in their ideas if they want to secure shares.

STAR FERRIES are steady with buyers at \$99.50.

CHINA LIGHTS have been subject of a fairly large business at varying rates between \$17. and \$17.75. They closed firm on Saturday.

HONG KONG ELECTRICS improved slightly in spite of the December Settlement, which includes several large deals in this stock. Quite a large number of shares changed hands at \$65 and \$65.50, more for shares as much as \$65.75. At the close more shares were wanted at \$65.50.

CEMENTS attracted more attention during the week than any other stock, and a fair business was done at rates ranging between \$13.20 to \$13.70. Buyers were offering \$13.60 without getting any response at the close.

AMUSEMENTS—This stock appears to be quite sound, and shares changed hands at \$27.50, although only a small parcel was concerned. There are further buyers at this figure.

EWOS appreciated slightly during the week and closed with buyers offering \$14.75 for shares.

REPLIES TO READERS.

Readers who are interested in the local share-market are given an opportunity to ask any question relating to local conditions, and replies will appear in this paper every Tuesday. Questions of practice and custom, and prospects of various stocks, etc., in Shanghai and Singapore, can be also dealt with.

Every effort will be made to give as full a reply as possible, but it is distinctly understood that the writer assumes no responsibility whatever by so doing.

Letters must be addressed to "KUFAN," care of the Editor of this paper, and must bear the name and address of the writer. It is desirable to include a *nomme de plume* to enable the correspondent easily to identify the reply intended for him.

Those who have written in last week will find answers to their queries below:—

CAREWON—No, I don't think that you, as a shareholder, have any right to ask any questions on this matter until the annual meeting, and only then if you can show that shareholders have to pay. Otherwise, there can be nothing gained by asking.

GENERAL—I should say in the vicinity of 18 or 20. The position is due to speculation. The product is being snapped up, but the price of shares is not going up because of the speculation.

KINGSTON—You are wrong. The Company will still have an overdraft and a very substantial one in spite of the money recently received.

COMPANY—I advise March or April as the best time to buy. These months follow the payment of the annual dividend, and prices ought to be lowest then.

D.S.S.—Please send more particulars. Have written to Shanghai on your behalf for news regarding this, meanwhile more particulars would help.

AMERICAN COTTON.

MODERATE OPTIMISM.

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have forwarded us the following letter, dated November 19, from Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool:—

Values declined this week to a price at which the U.S.A. Federal Farm Board was prepared to advance funds against the crop, i.e., on the basis of 16c. for cotton in the South, and the Farm Board did, in fact, start lending money to the co-operatives for the purpose of financing farmers.

The action of the Farm Board had a very good effect on the market, and sentiment was also influenced later by the American consumption figure for October with was given by the Census Bureau as 641,000 bales, compared with 545,000 bales for September, and 619,000 bales for October last year.

The consumption was much better than had been expected owing to the somewhat unfavourable textile reports current in the last fortnight of October, and U.S.A. consumption for the first quarter of the season now exceeds by 107,000 bales that for the corresponding period last year.

Another factor giving rise to optimism was the reassuring statement issued by President Hoover to the effect that business conditions in the United States are fundamentally sound, and that he has convened a conference of leaders of industry, labour and agriculture to draw up plans for the stimulation of exports and business expansion. Over and above the foregoing, further facts have been reported followed by rains in parts of the South.

CANTON TRADE NOTES.

The kerosene market is stagnant there being no demand either in Canton or in the country districts. Supplies are abundant.

Prices of dried medicines (Chinese) have risen. Since the latest Kwangtung-Kwangsi war there have been but small arrivals from the latter province.

Timber business has been on the decline for years and has been especially bad this year. Supplies being short, prices have risen and the trade is slack.

Arrivals of cattle from the interior have been few and the current price of beef is about thirty-four taels per picul, being seven to eight taels higher than usual.

The cane molasses market is slack. Local consumption is limited, and demand by country merchants is also slack. Arrivals from Java and Surabaya are abundant and prices are low.

Local candle factories have been doing fairly well recently. The products are selling well in the country districts, their quality being up to that of foreign makes and the prices are cheaper. The demand in the local markets is twice that for the imported articles.

Fire-wood prices are exceptional high as supplies from the North and West River districts are short. Firewood of superior quality is now being sold at about thirty catties the dollar. It is expected however that the price will drop in the near future as tow-boats and junks have resumed sailing.

Dealers in jade have found a good market abroad the last two years. Large quantities of European-style ornaments are made and exported, being popular in Europe and America on account of the fine workmanship of the Chinese jade engravers. The quantity of jade ornaments exported annually is several times what it used to be. Demand by the Chinese themselves is, however, small.

Commenting on the Egyptian Government's decision to take up futures contracts at \$27 for Sakel and \$19 for Uppers, one of our Alexandria correspondents says that it was long realised that the tenor of the Government declaration was such as to leave it in the hands of Ministers to operate according to circumstances. In other words, the prices mentioned do not necessarily constitute a minimum as they can only refer to tenderable varieties and grades. Moreover, in the event of a further general decline, the Government might reduce its purchase prices as happened during the former intervention.

Some spinners of Egyptian counts report fair trade, but prices are still unremunerative and conditions generally remain very unsatisfactory.

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The following passengers arrived by the N.D.L. Saarbrücken on December 21:—Mr. Hugo Ahmann, Mr. Danive Boosma, Mr. James Brown, Miss Elee Christensen, Mrs. Caroline Hushand, Mr. Rowland, Miss Emma Linke, Mr. Soon Chy Lee, Mr. Wang Teong Lee, Mr. Kai To Lee, Mr. Wan Yat Lok, Mr. Rigmor Neckelman, Miss Rigmor Neckelman, Master A. Neckelman, Ser. Lee So Hop, Mr. Steward T. Tan, Mr. Tai Chong Yap, Mr. Gan Choo Liat, Mr. Siegfried Bethke, Mrs. Alma Bethke, Mr. Edwin Hansen, Mr. Lao Eng Mong, Rev. Nichole Spada, and Mr. Albert Wassermich.

The following passengers arrived by the s.s. Hakusan Maru, from London and ports:—For Hong Kong: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Close, Mrs. E. M. de Bierre, Miss E. M. de Bierre, Master G. R. de Bierre, Rev. F. de la Rosa, Mr. H. L. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Easterbrook.

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Departures.

The following passengers left by the P. & O. s.s. Malwa, on Saturday for London and ports:—Mr. A. Anderson, Mr. L. E. Ballard, Mr. Y. F. Boon, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bissaker, Madam Cheung Yok Chung, Miss Cheung Mei Sin, Master Cheung Chan Lam, Mr. F. Christiansen, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crommalin and two children, Mr. D. V. Duncanson, Mr. J. Devine, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Heney, Misses G. P. and C. F. Heney, Mr. R. Hole, Mr. A. C. Hinrichs, Mrs. F. C. Jenkin, Miss P. Jenkin, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. King, Mr. C. C. King, Misses L. L. and D. D. King, Mrs. V. M. Larmour, Mr. Lim Peng Yung, Mrs. Lin Choong Oy, Mr. P. Lokoomall, Mr. H. T. Lou, Mr. R. R. Marsh, Mr. H. E. McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Morse, Mr. E. A. Nelson, Mr. C. J. Oake, Mr. E. S. Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Pearson, Mr. C. C. Rattey, Miss S. Rethy, Mr. W. C. Robins, Surg.-Lieut. J. D. Sayer, R.N., Rev. Canon B. H. Streeter, Mr. Soo Cheong Yew, Mr. V. M. Studd, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mr. Tan Yet Soo, Mr. O. Tommelstad, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Tung and four children, Mr. I. T. Tung, Mr. H. T. Tung, Miss C. H. Tung, Miss L. L. Ward, Mr. Woo, Mr. J. T. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Wilberg, Mr. G. F. Wheeler, and Mr. C. F. Young.

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1.45 p.m.—Weather report. 5 to 5.30 p.m.—Programme of Victor and H.M.V. records supplied by Messrs. Moutrie, Ltd. "New Moon," Selection (Romberg) and "Wake Up and Dream!" Selection (Porter), New May-fair Orchestra.

"Valse Mysterieuse" (Meale) and "Souvenir Di Valentino" (Wood), Arthur Meale. "Wedding of the Painted Doll" (Brown) and "My Flame of Love" (Nicholls), De Groot. "Minuet in G" (Beethoven) and "Fauet," Waltz (Gounod), Edward O'Henry.

"If I Didn't Miss You" (Endor and Steinberg) and "I've Always Wanted to Call You My Sweetheart" (Endor, Sternberg and Ward), Gracie Fields, Comedienne. 5.30 to 6 p.m.—Children's programme.

6 to 7 p.m.—Programme of Victor and H.M.V. records, etc.

"Song of the Flea" (Gosthe-Mousorsky) and "Barbiero Di Siviglia-La Calunnia" (Rossini), Feodor Chaliapin. "Minuet" (Paderewski), Op. 14, No. 1 and "Moonlight Sonata"—Adagio, Sostenuto (Beethoven), Op. 27, No. 2, Ignace Jan Paderewski.

"Song of the Volga Boatmen" and "Shining Moon" (Russian Folk Song), Kiriloff's Russian Ballet Orchestra.

"Cross Roads" (Klages-Axt-Mendoga) and "Marie" (Irving Berlin), Franklin Baur.

"Nights of Gladness" Valse (Charles Ancliffe) and "Milliecent" Valse Hesitation (Frank W. Moake), Rudy Seiger's Shell Symphonists.

"Little Pal" (Jolson-De Sylva-Brown-Henderson) and "I Love to Hear You Singing" (Lillian Glanville-Haydn Wood), John McCormack.

"Caprice Viennois" (Kreisl) and "Humoresque" (Dvorak-Kreisl), Fritz Kreisl.

"Glockenspielen" (Meale) and "Pastorale" (Guilmant), Arthur Meale and A. Neville Taylor.

"Hungarian Rhapsody"—No. 2, Parts 1 and 2 (Liszt), Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report. 9 to 10.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

10.35 a.m.—Morning Service relayed from St. John's Cathedral. 12.15 p.m. (Approx.)—Close down.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

FROM NEW YORK. PHILADELPHIA & MARSEILLES.

THE Steamship "URBINO"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 30th December, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 15th January, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1929. [8769]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "KHIWA"

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 20TH DECEMBER, 1929.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors Messrs. GOSNARD & DOUGLAS at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 9th January, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MAKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st Dec., 1929. [8760]

CONSIGNEE NOTICES

HAMBURG AMERIKA LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Motor Vessel "HAVELLAND"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th December, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 24th December, 1929, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goldard and Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before the 8th January, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

JEBSEN & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1929. [8765]

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Motor Vessel "CHINESE PRINCE"

having arrived from the above Port on 20th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, 26th instant, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 15 Days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1929. [8777]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

THE Steamship "SAARBRUECKEN"

having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.

Consignees are further notified that the Steamer "SAARBRUECKEN" has taken at HAMBURG and BREMEN Through Cargo for HONG KONG Ex S.S. "JEM" S.S. "NISE" S.S. "ORTAR YAM" S.S. "KONO BOERN" S.S. "STAR" and S.S. "NAJDE" from BERGEN, OSCARSHAMN, TRONDHJEM, OSLO, KOTKA and GOTHENBURG.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th of December, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ash on 10 a.m. on the 24th of December, 1929.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN, Hong Kong, 19th Dec., 1929. [8775]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., COPENHAGEN.

THE Motor Vessel "PANAMA"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where Delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th December, 1929, 4 p.m., will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ash on the 24th December, 1929, at 10 a.m.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Undersigned before the 21st December, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNING & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd Dec., 1929. [8788]



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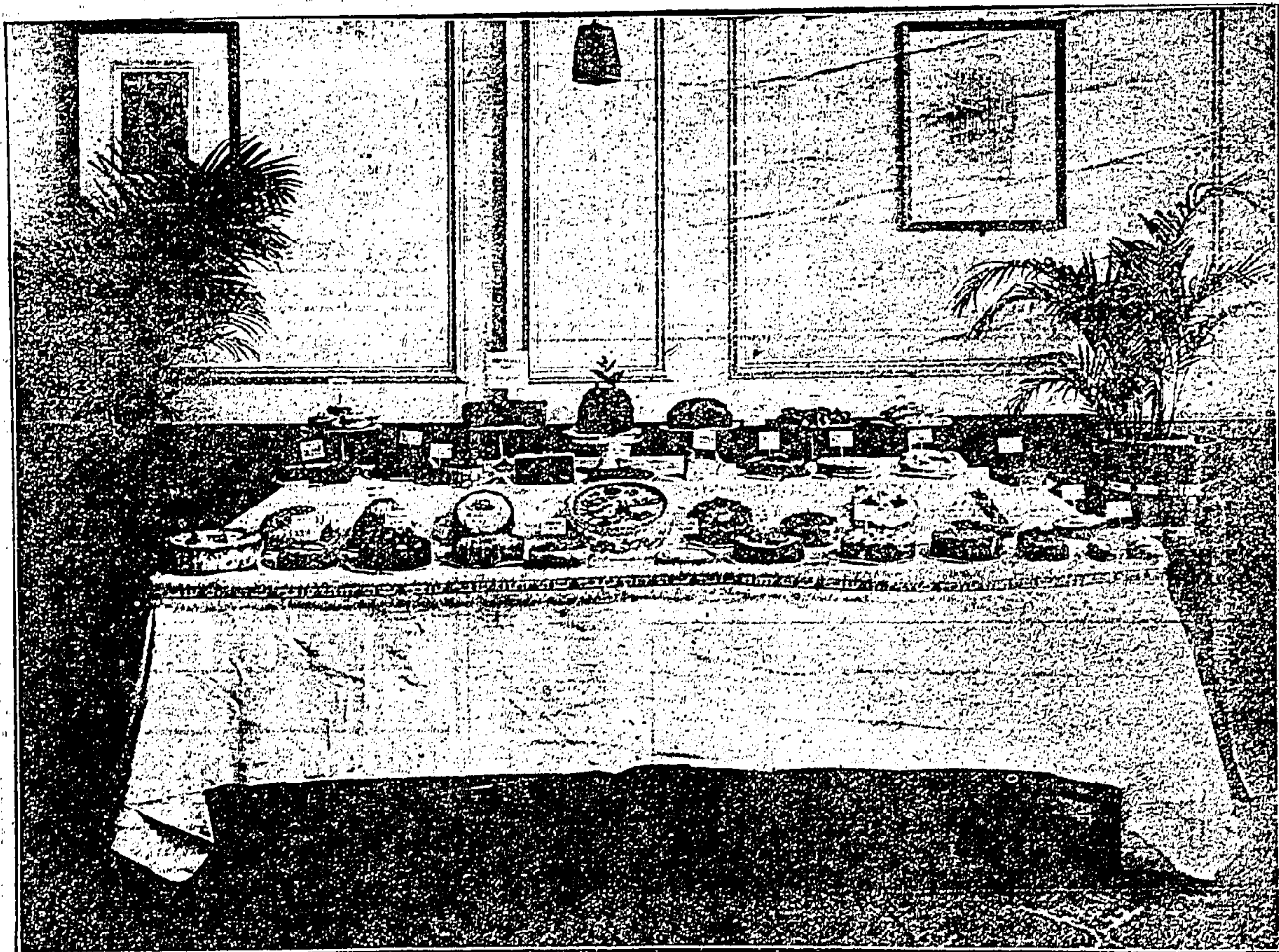
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| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "TAIYUAN" | On 26th Dec. | Daylight |
| HOIHOW, FAKHOI & HAIHONG | "CHUSAN" | On 26th Dec. | 10 a.m. |
| HOIHOW & BANGKOK | "KALGAN" | On 26th Dec. | 11 a.m. |
| SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN | "SINKIANG" | On 29th Dec. | Daylight |
| AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE | "ANHUI" | On 29th Dec. | 8 a.m. |
| AMOI & SHANGHAI | "LEOHOW" | On 29th Dec. | 10 a.m. |
| SWATOW & BANGKOK | "KIANGSU" | On 29th Dec. | 11 a.m. |
| WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN | "HUIHONG" | On 31st Dec. | 11 a.m. |
| SWATOW & BANGKOK | "KAYING" | On 31st Dec. | 5 p.m. |
| SWATOW, AMOI, SWATOW & S'PORE | "KANKING" | On 31st Dec. | 5 p.m. |
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| PORTHOUS | 11th Mar. | ATHOS II | 12th Mar. |
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| DECEMBER 22, 1929. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | DECEMBER 23, 1929. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| STATION | Time Barometer This | BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL | | TEMPERATURE | HUMIDITY | WIND | | Clouds (Amount) | Time Knots Force Direction | BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL | | TEMPERATURE | HUMIDITY | WIND | | Clouds (Amount) | Time Knots Force Direction | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Wladivostok | 12 | 30.20 | 767.1 | 8 | ... | NNE | 2 | o | 6 | 30.36 | 771.2 | —1 | ... | N | 2 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nemuro | 11 | 29.80 | 757.0 | ... | ... | NW | 1 | ... | 5 | 29.82 | 757.5 | ... | ... | WSW | 1 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hokodate | " | 29.88 | 759.0 | ... | ... | NNW | 4 | ... | " | 30.04 | 763.0 | ... | ... | WNW | 1 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tokio | " | 29.78 | 756.5 | ... | ... | N | 1 | ... | " | 30.12 | 765.0 | ... | ... | N | 2 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kochi | " | 30.02 | 762.5 | ... | ... | W | 1 | ... | " | 30.28 | 769.0 | ... | ... | WSW | 1 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nagasaki | " | 30.26 | 768.5 | ... | ... | NW | 3 | ... | " | 30.34 | 770.5 | ... | ... | NW | 1 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kagoshima | " | 30.18 | 766.5 | ... | ... | NNW | 2 | ... | " | 30.28 | 769.0 | ... | ... | N | 1 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oshima | " | 30.16 | 766.0 | ... | ... | N | 3 | ... | " | 30.18 | 766.5 | ... | ... | SSE | 1 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Naha | " | 30.13 | 765.0 | ... | ... | NNE | 7 | ... | " | 30.16 | 766.0 | ... | ... | NE | 1 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ishigakijima | " | 30.16 | 766.0 | ... | ... | NNE | 8 | ... | " | 30.14 | 765.5 | ... | ... | NE | 1 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bonin Island | " | 29.94 | 760.5 | ... | ... | SSW | 1 | ... | " | 30.02 | 762.5 | ... | ... | ENE | 1 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chefoo | 15 | 30.40 | 772.1 | 32 | 100 | WNW | 4 | b | 6 | 30.31 | 769.9 | 24 | 100 | S | 1 | b | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shanghai | 14 | 30.56 | 776.1 | 32 | 100 | WNW | 4 | b | " | 30.47 | 774.0 | 21 | 79 | WNW | 1 | b | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gutzlaff | " | 30.53 | 775.4 | 32 | 100 | NNW | 6 | ... | " | 30.48 | 774.2 | 28 | 100 | NNW | 1 | b | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sharp Peak | " | 30.26 | 768.6 | 44 | 94 | ENE | 2 | o | 7 | 30.15 | 765.8 | 46 | 69 | W | 1 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amoy | " | 30.24 | 768.1 | 52 | 73 | NE | 4 | o | 6 | 30.31 | 769.9 | 50 | 79 | WNW | 4 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swatow | " | 30.14 | 765.5 | 48 | 86 | N | 2 | o | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Taihekou | 11 | 30.33 | 770.4 | 54 | 95 | E | 2 | r | 5 | 30.25 | 768.3 | 54 | 97 | ... | 0 | r | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Taihu | " | 30.18 | 766.5 | 61 | ... | N | 2 | o | " | 30.20 | 767.1 | 55 | ... | ... | 0 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tainan | " | 30.14 | 765.6 | 63 | ... | N | 4 | o | " | 30.19 | 766.8 | 52 | ... | N | 2 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Koshu | " | 30.12 | 765.0 | 68 | ... | NE | 6 | o | " | 30.15 | 765.9 | 69 | ... | ... | 0 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pescadores | " | 30.20 | 767.1 | 61 | ... | NNE | 6 | r | " | 30.20 | 767.1 | 61 | ... | N | 2 | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hong Kong | 14 | 30.19 | 766.8 | 51 | 66 | NNW | 1 | o | 6 | 30.30 | 769.0 | 45 | 65 | NNW | 5 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gap Rock | " | 30.17 | 766.3 | ... | ... | NNW | 6 | o | ... | 30.23 | 769.1 | ... | ... | NNW | 4 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Macao | " | 30.19 | 766.8 | 45 | 64 | N | 4 | o | " | 30.31 | 769.8 | 41 | 69 | N | 4 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hoikow | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prairie Island | " | 30.08 | 764.0 | 68 | 81 | NE | 6 | o | " | 30.18 | 769.6 | 66 | 79 | NE | 5 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phu Lien | 16 | 30.21 | 767.4 | 55 | 60 | NNE | 2 | o | 7 | 30.36 | 771.2 | 48 | ... | NNE | 4 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tourane | " | 30.02 | 762.6 | 68 | ... | ENE | 6 | o | " | 30.14 | 765.5 | 66 | ... | NNW | 6 | ad | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape St. James | " | 29.89 | 759.3 | 79 | ... | ENE | 4 | o | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rasco | 14 | 29.95 | 760.8 | 72 | 82 | NE | 6 | o | 6 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aparr | " | 29.93 | 760.2 | 75 | 71 | NNE | 4 | r | ... | 30.05 | 763.2 | 73 | 82 | NNE | 4 | b | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Teguegarao | " | 29.91 | 759.6 | 68 | 68 | ... | 0 | o | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vigan | " | 29.85 | 758.1 | 82 | 96 | NNW | 6 | o | " | 29.97 | 761.1 | 64 | 88 | N | 4 | b | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manila | " | 29.84 | 757.8 | 84 | 60 | SW | 2 | b | " | 29.95 | 760.8 | 70 | 94 | E | 1 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Legaspi | " | 29.82 | 757.5 | 86 | 71 | N | 4 | b | " | 29.91 | 759.6 | 75 | 92 | N | 1 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calbayog | " | 29.82 | 757.5 | 86 | 66 | N | 4 | b | " | 29.91 | 759.6 | 72 | 94 | N | 2 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tacloban | " | 29.81 | 757.2 | 84 | 68 | NE | 4 | o | " | 29.89 | 759.3 | 73 | 94 | W | 4 | o | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iloilo | " | 29.80 | 756.9 | 84 | 68 | NE | 4 | b | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cebu | " | 29.78 | 756.3 | 86 | 52 | NE | 4 | b | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surigao | " | 29.79 | 756.6 | 79 | 89 | ... | 0 | o | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saipan | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 29.81 | 757.2 | 76 | ... | ESE | 4 | c | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Guam | 12.22 | 29.66 | 754.2 | ... | ... | SE | 4 | o | 4.22 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yap | 11.00 | 29.67 | 753.6 | ... | ... | N | 1 | o | 5 | 29.73 | 755.1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pelew | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29.75 | 755.9 | 73 | ... | NNW | 3 | bc | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ponape | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29.80 | 755.9 | 80 | ... | ENE | 2 | bc | ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labuan | 14 | 29.80 | 756.9 | 88 | 66 | NE | 2 | b | 6 | 29.85 | 758.2 | 80 | 91 | NE | 2 | b | ... | | | | | | | | | | |

December 23d. 10A. 50m.—The anticyclone is now central over the Yangtze Valley.

The Guam depression or typhoon is probably filling up.

Strong to fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Shanghai warning, 22d. 16A. 40m.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 14° N. Long.

140° E. moving N.N.W. Recd. 22d. 17A. 23m.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 69.68

inches, against an average of 82.82 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 24.

DISTANCE. FORECAST.

1.—Formosa Channel N.E. winds, strong.

2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamcocks N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy at first, then clearing.

3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy at first, then clearing.

4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan N.E. winds, strong.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 23.

Previous Day at 4 p.m.

On Date at 10 a.m.

On Date at 4 p.m.

Barometer... 30.50 30.55 30.19

Temperature... 49 47 53

Humidity... 69 68 51

Wind... W NW N

Direction... W NW N

Force... 1 9 2

Weather... O O B

Rain... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 23.51

Lowest open-air Temperature, 23.45

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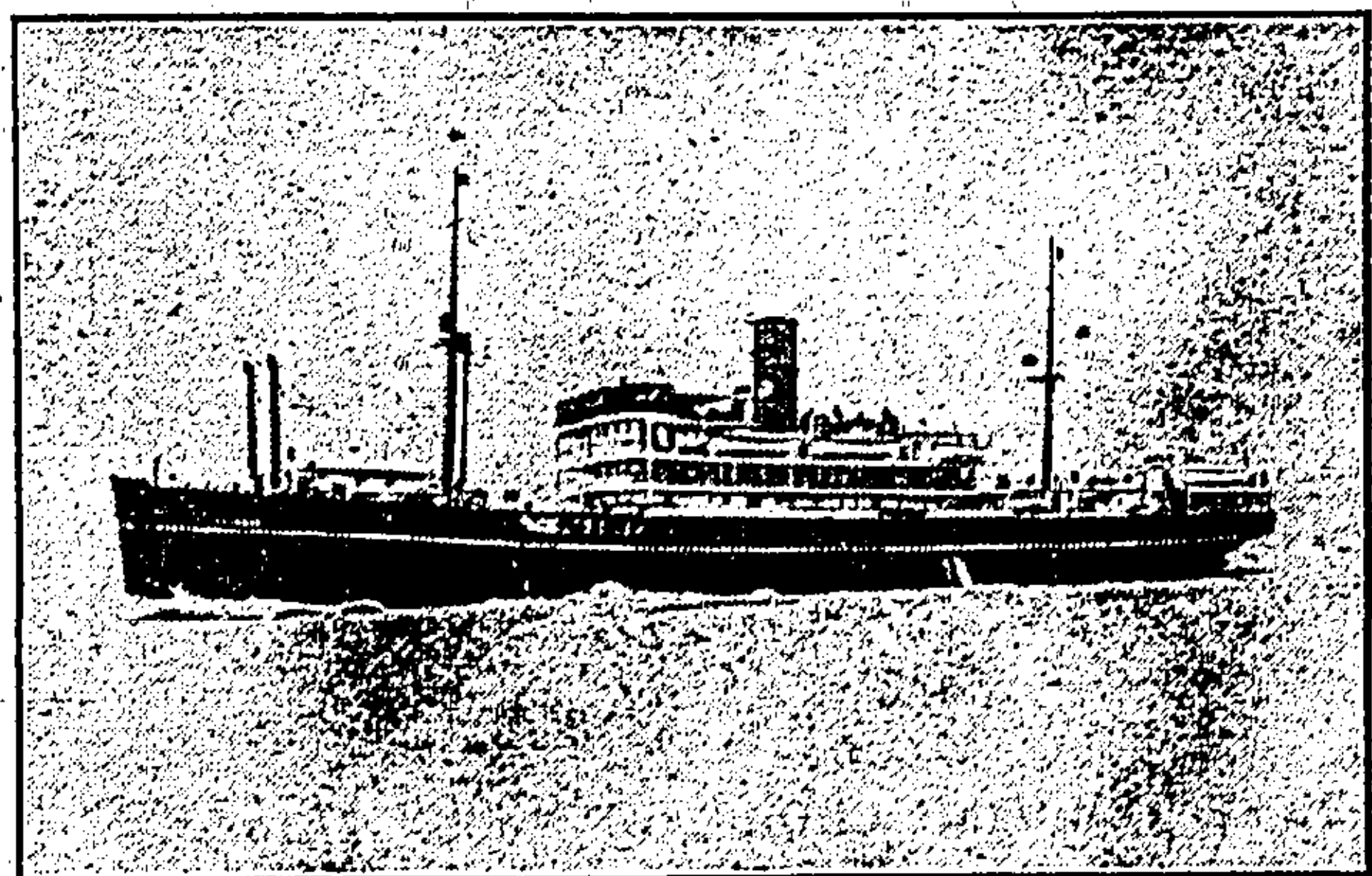
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|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
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| | "HANGSANG" | Sun., 29th Dec., at 7 a.m. |
| | "YATSHING" | Wed., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m. |
| | "KWONGSANG" | Sun., 5th Jan., at 7 a.m. |
| OSAKA via AMOI, MOI & KOBE | "KUMSANG" | Wed., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m. |
| OSAKA via AMOI, S'HAU MOI & KOBE | "HOSANG" | Sun., 19th Jan., at 7 a.m. |
| | "NAMSANG" | Fri., 3rd Jan., at 7 a.m. |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | "KOTSANG" | Mon., 30th Dec., at 3 p.m. |
| | "YUENSANG" | Mon., 8th Jan., at 3 p.m. |
| | "SUISANG" | Fri., 17th Jan., at 3 p.m. |
| SANDAKAN | "MAUSANG" | Satur., 26th Dec., at 3 p.m. |
| | "HINSANG" | Mon., 6th Jan., at Noon |

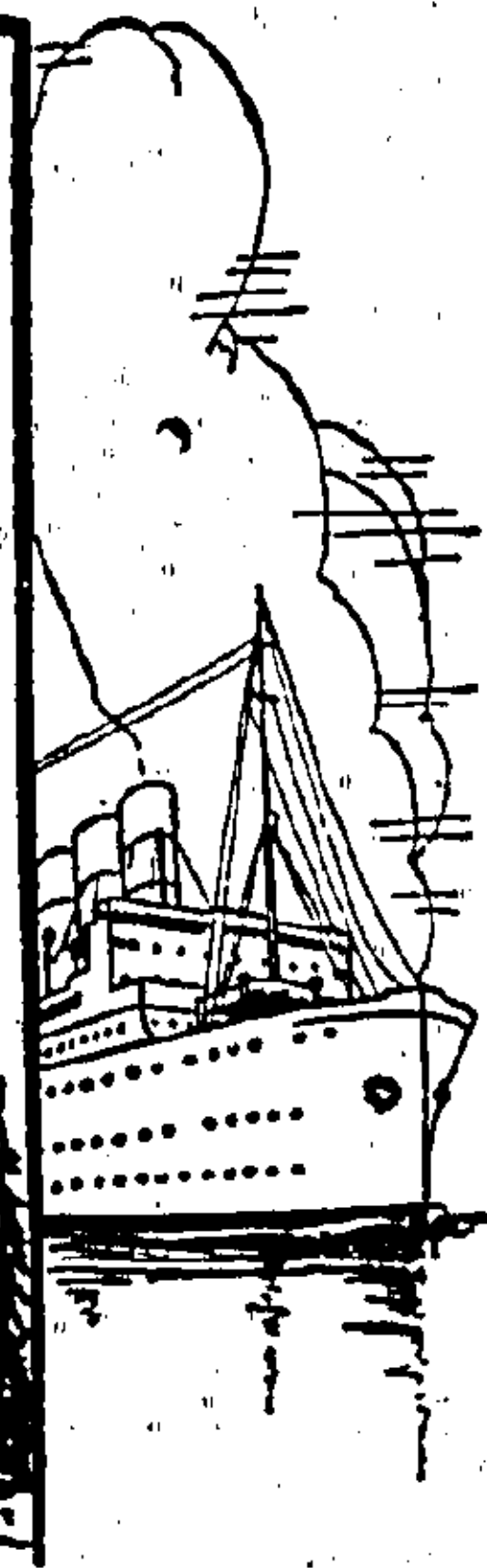


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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 15,000 TONS;
 THROUGH CARGO 15,000 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

| British | Cargo for | Through |
|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Hopsang | H.K. | Ports. |
| Tingtau 310 | 1,260 | |
| Gleniffer | — | 5,300 |
| Hong Kheng | — | 700 |
| Taiyuan | 400 | 620 |
| French | — | 1,940 |
| Taipeisek | — | 10,980 |
| St. Bayard | 320 | — |
| German | — | 320 |
| Eva | — | — |
| Samarinda | 2,170 | — |
| Japanese | — | 2,170 |
| Anzan Maru | — | — |
| Lungkow | 1,810 | — |
| Toyo Maru | — | — |
| No. 1 | — | — |
| Dairen | 2,760 | — |
| Seattle Maru | — | — |
| Calcutta | 2,450 | 3,200 |
| Kansan Maru | — | — |
| Dairen | 1,090 | 2,130 |
| Menado Maru | — | — |
| Haiphong | 1,000 | — |
| Total | 9,140 | 5,350 |
| Total | 13,070 | 16,330 |

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

| British | Arr. | Dep. |
|-----------|------|------|
| French | 5 | 4 |
| German | 1 | 0 |
| Japanese | 5 | 3 |
| Chinese | 2 | 1 |
| Dutch | 0 | 1 |
| Norwegian | 0 | 3 |
| Danish | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 14 | 13 |

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

| | |
|--|-------|
| Hong Kheng (Br.) Amoy and Swatow | 1,100 |
| Taiyuan (Br.) Shanghai and Amoy | 23 |
| Sunning (Br.) Canton | 54 |
| Tai Poo Sek (Fr.) Ft. Bayard | 216 |
| Seattle Maru (Jap.) Calcutta and Singapore | 188 |
| Menado Maru (Jap.) Haiphong and Hoihow | 130 |
| Cheung On (Chi.) Shanmei | 11 |
| Total | 1,722 |

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—

Basin.—Tamar, Thracian, Sepoy, Petersfield, Marazion, Magnolia, West Wall, Kent.
 In Dock.—Cornflower, Seraph, No. 4 Buoy.—Herald, No. 5 Buoy.—Hermes, No. 6 Buoy.—Cornwall.
 Foreign Men of War.—French gunboat Vigilant.

ARRIVALS.

December 22.

Anzan Maru, Japanese str., 2,337 tons, Capt. M. Yamachi, from Dairen, buoy No. B38.—M.B.K. Eva, German str., 851 tons, Capt. J. Jensen, from Samarinda, Yaumati.—J.C.J.L. Gleniffer, British str., 6,021 tons, Capt. W. H. Baker, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3.—J. M. Menado Maru, Japanese str., 2,185 tons, Capt. T. Kawamura, from Haiphong, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

December 23.

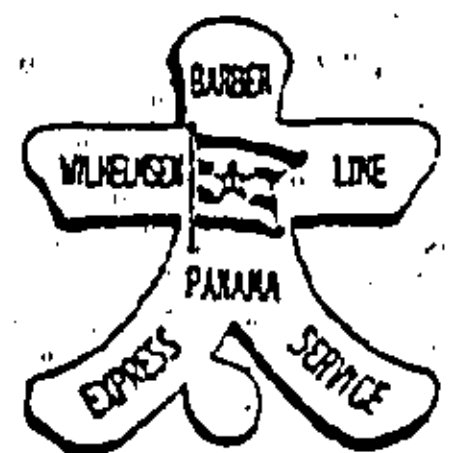
Chusan, British str., 1,333 tons, Capt. R. Kettlewell, from Shanghai and Swatow, buoy No. C14.—B. & S. Everett, American str., 3,571 tons, Capt. F. Elwood, from Amoy, buoy No. A25.—States S.S. Co. Golden Peak, American str., 4,381 tons, Capt. R. Hansen, from Shanghai, Laichikok.—States S.S. Co. Golden Sun, American str., 4,320 tons, Capt. W. F. M. Srorah, from Manila, buoy No. A6.—States S.S. Co. Hong Kheng, British str., 3,975 tons, Capt. C. Cowan, from Swatow, buoy No. A24.—Ho Thong & Co. Ilmar, German str., 3,488 tons, Capt. D. Kane, from Shanghai, buoy No. A8.—Melchers & Co. Kansan Maru, Japanese str., 1,558 tons, Capt. T. Kotake, from Dairen, buoy No. B34.—M.B.K. Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. T. Yasukawa, from Canton, buoy No. C17.—N.Y.K. Manila Maru, Japanese str., 9,534 tons, Capt. M. Yamaguchi, from Nagasaki, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K. New Mathilde, British str., 842 tons, Capt. E. G. Ranley, from Pakhoi, buoy No. C44.—Yick Tai S.S. Co.

President Cleveland, American str., 14,123 tons, Capt. Maynard Griffith, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line. Seattle Maru, Japanese str., 3,822 tons, Capt. S. Arai, from Calcutta and Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K. Shansi, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. W. W. Richards, from K. C. Wan, buoy No. C37.—B. & S. Sunning, British str., 1,570 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy B9.—B. and S. Tai Yuan, British str., 2,108 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B12.—B. & S. Toyo Maru No. 1, Japanese str., 1,309 tons, Capt. T. Takenchi, from Dairen, buoy No. C42.—M.B.K. Uyo Maru No. 3, Japanese str., 1,770 tons, Capt. Y. Inorita, from Hakodate, buoy No. B30.—Y. Sato & Co. Urbino, British str., 3,212 tons, Capt. L. Pearson, from Iloilo, Kowloon Wharf.—Bank Line.

CLEARANCES.

December 23.

Anking, for Pass Throu. Changkiang, for Canton. Chusan, for Canton. Everet, for Manila. Gleniffer, for Singapore. Golden Peak, for Manila. Golden Sun, for San Francisco. Hong Kheng, for Singapore. Hydrangea, for Swatow. Kine Maru, for Keelung. Kansan Maru, for Whompon. Lushan Maru, for Swatow. Manila Maru, for Saigon. Nam Peng, for Hoihow. Peninsular, for Manila. President Cleveland, for Shanghai. Seattle Maru, for Moji. Song Bo, for Haiphong. Tai Yuan, for Canton. Ilmar, for Singapore. Uyo Maru No. 3, for Manila.



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| "RAJPUTANA" | 16,568 | 4th Jan. | B'bay, Maru, & L'don. |
| "LAHORE" | 8,304 | 11th Jan. [Maru] | L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'werp. |
| "KHIVA" | 9,135 | 18th Jan. | Maru, London, B'dm, & A'werp |
| "MIRZAPUR" | 8,715 | 22nd Jan. | Straits, Colombo & Bombay. |
| "JEYPORE" | 5,818 | 25th Jan. [Maru] | L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'werp. |
| "MANTUA" | 10,846 | 1st Feb. | Bombay, Marseilles and London. |
| "KARMALA" | 9,128 | 15th Feb. | Maru, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'werp. |
| "KIDDERPORE" | 5,334 | 19th Feb. | Straits, Colombo & Bombay. |
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,120 | 1st Mar. | Marseilles and London. |
| "KASHMIR" | 8,885 | 8th Mar. [Maru] | L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'werp. |
| "BALWAN" | 9,144 | 15th Mar. | Maru, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'werp. |
| "RAJWALPINDI" | 16,619 | 28th Mar. | Bombay, Marseilles and London. |
| "MALWA" | 10,850 | 12th Apr. | Bombay, Marseilles and London. |
| "RAJPUTANA" | 16,568 | 28th Apr. | Bombay, Marseilles and London. |
| "KASHGAR" | 9,005 | 10th May | Maru, L'don, B'dm, & A'werp. |
| "MANTUA" | 10,846 | 24th May | Bombay, Maru, & London. |
| "KHYBER" | 9,114 | 31st May [Maru] | L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'werp. |
| "KHIVA" | 9,135 | 7th June | Marseilles & London. |
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| "TILAWA" | 10,066 | 27th Dec., 3 p.m. | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta |
| "TALAMBA" | 8,018 | 8th Jan. | do. |
| "TAKADA" | 6,949 | 19th Jan. | do. |
| "TALMA" | 10,000 | 28th Jan. | do. |
| "SHIRALA" | 7,841 | 8th Feb. | do. |
| "TAKLIWA" | 7,926 | 18th Feb. | do. |
| "TILAWA" | 10,066 | 3rd Mar. | do. |

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| "ST. ALBANS" | 4,500 | 3rd Jan. 1930 | Manila, Sandakan, Thursday |
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|---------------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| "MIRZAPUR" | 8,715 | 18th Dec. 6 a.m. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
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